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## The Pernot Rotary Puddling Furnace.

The new puddling furnace shown in the accompanying illustration has been so fully described in these columns that only a few general remarks explaining the construction of the furnace are needed at this time. Its characteristic feature is an inclined hearth, not more than one-half of which is ever covered by the molten metal. This modification, it is stated, has given important advantages, as the higher part of the hearth forms a rapidly oxidizing surface for the thin layer of metal by which, because of adhesion and by centrifugal force, it is constantly covered.

The hearth is supported by two pairs of wheels, which rest on a circular track, and is guided in its rotation by its central spindle passing down through the center of the supporting bed. Rotary motion is given to it by a worm, F, which engages in the cogs on the circular portion, D, on which the hearth rests. The whole is mounted on trucks, as shown, resting on a suitable railway. The metal about the hearth has a lining of scoria or ore a few inches thick.

The hearth, mounted upon its car, is wheeled directly into the furnace, in a position as near as possible to the metal plate that supports the masonry above. When the hearth is at a reddish white heat the interstices are closed with fragments of ore, and the operation of puddling is carried on by rotating the hearth some three or four turns per minute, care being taken to spread the contents evenly over the surface. The formation of blooms is the same as in ordinary puddling, except that, owing to the rotation of the hearth, the work can always be done directly in front of the door. Water circulation can be employed for cooling. The ordinary charge is about 1100 pounds, and this is divided into seven or eight blooms, the average time of forming which is about half an hour, including the period necessary to transport them to the forge. A complete operation, comprising the squeezing, lasts about two hours, the cleaning of the grate and reheating of the furnace occupying about half an hour of this period.

At the foundry of St. Chamond, France, in one week, there were produced, in 11 heatings, 35 tons of fine puddled iron, while by hand puddling the same iron (gray charcoal) did not yield over 12 tons. In the former case the loss did not exceed 30 pounds of iron per 1000 pounds of finished product; in the latter the loss was fully 200 pounds. The consumption of fuel, at the same time, was reduced from 2800 to 2640 pounds.

Mechanics in all trades would save themselves much trouble by marking their tools. An easy way to do it is to coat over the tools with a thin layer of wax or hard tallow, by first warming the steel and rubbing on the wax warm, until it flows, and let it cool. When hard, mark your name through the wax with a graver, and apply aquafortis (nitric acid). After a few moments wash off the acid thoroughly with water; warm the metal enough to melt the wax, and wipe it off with a soft rag. The letters will be found etched into the steel.

## Hints to Steam Users.

Mr. J. M. Allen, President of the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company, has favored us with a copy of his valuable annual report for 1874, from which we make the following interesting extracts:

The work of the company has developed many and serious defects in connection with the boilers under its care, and impresses upon us the fact that boilers of all kinds are liable to very reckless management. The number of defects in all discovered, was 14,256, or about 1 defect for every 3 boilers examined; of these defects, 8486 were regarded as dangerous. Some may think this statement made for effect; but while we do not claim that every defective boiler would certainly have exploded, we are free to say that there was liability to accident at any moment, and the company did not feel authorized to issue a guaranteed certificate until suitable repairs were made. It will be understood that in making these inspections not only our money but our reputation is at stake. The defects we have classified under different heads as heretofore. In mentioning them, such remarks and explanations will be made as will best give a correct impression of their nature:

## FURNACES OUT OF SHAPE—FRACTURED PLATES.

These two defects are mainly the result of the same cause, viz., overheating and too sudden cooling. It is quite plain that those portions of the boiler in direct contact with the fire are subjected to the severest trials; hence boiler furnaces are generally constructed of the best fire box iron or of soft steel. If from an

accumulation of sediment or scale, the water is kept from direct contact with the heated plates they become overheated and softened and yield easily to the pressure above, then is produced what is known as "buckled" and contorted sheets, or "furnaces out of shape." The iron loses from two-thirds to three-fourths of its strength, and rupture and explosion are imminent. Sometimes a spot, 10 inches or a foot, or more, in diameter, on the crown sheet of a fire box boiler, will settle or bag down two or three inches, and rupture may occur at the apex of the convexity. This arises from sediment having accumulated on the area affected; it has been deposited by the currents and counter currents, engendered by the intense heat; the water has been kept from contact with the iron at this particular spot, and overheating and softening has rendered it unable to withstand the pressure, and it settled down. These difficulties are not as liable to occur in the use of externally fired boilers, where large flat surfaces, and the crown sheet bars, and crow feet stays, so liable to aid the accumulation of sediment, are avoided. It must be remembered that when iron is heated to very high temperature it is greatly expanded, and there is a point beyond which, if it is expanded, it takes a permanent set, that is, it does not return to its original condition when cooled. This point is called its thermo-elastic limit, and

plates, and sudden contraction of the metal was what did the mischief. A protecting wall was thrown around the boilers, making, comparatively, only a small space in front of the fire doors, and the difficulty was obviated. It is not uncommon at iron works to find boilers in this exposed condition, and sometimes they have not even the protection of a shed over them, but are exposed to all kinds of weather, winter and summer.

## BURNED PLATES.

The causes of burned plates are akin to those which occasion fractures, and under the heading, "Incrustation and Scale," we shall have something further to say of this defect.

## BLISTERED PLATES.

Lamination in boiler plates is not an uncommon defect. It arises from imperfect welding of the bars composing the pile from which the sheet is rolled. A sheet will be found laminated in some portions and perfectly homogeneous and sound in others. This can only be accounted for on the ground that the bars are not perfectly clean from particles of sand and scoria. This laminated condition will sometimes manifest itself in from four to six distinct leaves or layers; and when such plates are subjected to high temperatures, the defect shows itself by bulging spots of greater or less area on the fire surface, known as blisters. The layer of iron next to the fire is heated to a

gauges should never be depended upon to the exclusion of the gauge cocks.

## DEFECTIVE BLOW-OUT.

These defects arise from the valves getting out of order, so that they do not close tightly and from the apparatus becoming choked. If the blow-out apparatus is used as often as it should be, the latter difficulty will be obviated. When a boiler has been blown down and refilled, a fire should not be started until from the gauge cocks it is ascertained that the water is not leaking out.

## SAFETY VALVES.

The defects to which this appliance is liable are numerous, but they are generally more the fault of the engineer than of the appliances. They are put often away in inaccessible places, and left to themselves to operate when the steam shall reach a pressure in excess of their load. If this does not occur only once in a long time, the valve may become inoperative and cease, under any circumstances, to become a safety valve. If very high pressure is used, it is not uncommon for engineers to overload the valve. A safety valve should be loaded only a little in excess of the maximum pressure used, and then any excess of pressure will be provided for.

## DEFECTIVE PRESSURE GAUGES.

This attachment needs care and attention, or it will cease to be a correct indicator of pres-

sure. There is great carelessness in the construction of many steam gauges. They will indicate very accurately for a while, but, sooner or later, begin to show variations that render them very unreliable. Hence, the folly of undertaking to say that such and such a gauge, from certain tests, is better than others. The material, workmanship and care have more to do with reliable gauges than fancy finish and recommendations of A. B. and C. Of course, the principle must be correct and one that will stand; then, good material, workmanship and care. In an experience of some nine years we have tested thousands of steam gauges, and the variations are simply alarming, ranging from +20 to -60. It will be readily seen that a gauge which is +, or slow, is dangerous, for the steam user is deceived, and is actually running at a pressure as much in excess of the indicated pressure as the variation is found to be. Thus, if the indicated pressure is 80 pounds, on a gauge which -30 the actual pressure run would be 110 pounds. Now, these excessive variations are not the rule, but they are more frequent than they should be. The gauges of all the boilers placed under the care of this company are frequently compared with one known to be correct. Each of our 20 inspectors has a gauge that is corrected by a mercury column, which has been erected in this office at great expense, and is believed to be second to none in the country. This column is about 50 feet high and has a range of nearly 300 lbs. No steam gauge should be allowed to run year after year without being compared with one known to be correct.

## DEFICIENCY OF WATER.

This defect may arise from two causes. First, the boiler may be too small for the work required of it, and, by fierce firing and forcing, the water is liable to get low, and the boiler consequently burned. This is liable to be the case where a manufactory is enlarged by adding more machinery and not increasing the boiler power. Another cause is carelessness on the part of the engineer or fireman. When the

## BROKEN BRACES AND STAYS AND INSUFFICIENT BRACING.

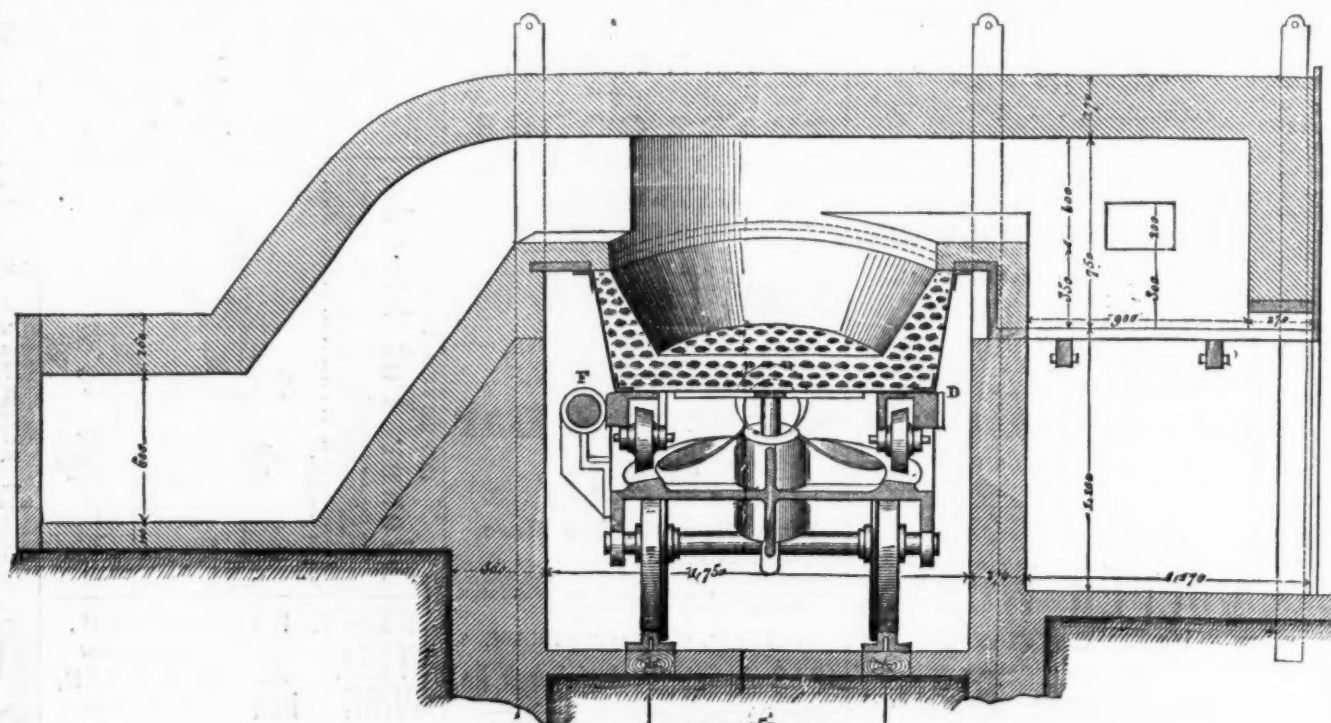
When we consider the immense pressure that boilers are subjected to, the importance of proper bracing and staying will be appreciated. If we take, for instance, a boiler 36 inches in diameter and 14 feet long, under 70 pounds pressure per square inch, we shall find that the entire pressure to which the shell of the boiler is subjected will be,  $36 \times 3.14159 \times (14 \times 1) \times 70 = 1,330,024$  pounds, or about 665 tons. This estimate does not include the pressure on the heads. From this will be seen the importance of bracing and staying the weaker portions of the boiler, and this work should be done intelligently and thoroughly. If, therefore, the braces in a boiler become loose or broken the use of the boiler may be attended with danger. This defect can only be ascertained by thorough internal examination. There are boilers so small or of such construction that internal examination is impossible. In small tubular boilers bracing is not as important, for the tubes themselves act as braces and stays, but every large boiler should be so constructed that access internally may be had.  
(To be continued.)

The Senate Committee on Patents has decided to report adversely on the application of A. B. Wilson for an extension on the patent for "four motion feed" for sewing machines. Under the needle of the principal sewing machines there is a little toothed feed bar or pad, which, at regular intervals, moves forward a short distance, carrying the cloth to the needle, then drops down, moves backward the length of a stitch, is raised again and resumes its forward motion. This is the "four-motion feed." It is a very essential part of a sewing machine, but is said to add immensely to the cost thereof, because the patent on it is owned by four sewing machine companies. It is expected that upon the expiration of the patent the price of sewing machines will be considerably reduced, and an immense number of petitions have been filed in the case. A Washington correspondent says that "one exhibit makes twelve volumes as large as Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, which the owners of the patent once requested the Commissioner of Patents to peruse before making a decision."

## Coal Discoveries on the Union Pacific.

The land commissioners of the Union Pacific Railroad have lately procured several specimens of a very superior coal twelve miles from the line of the road, at a short distance west of the Laramie Plains. The deposit, like others already worked in Wyoming, is said to be of great extent. Of the mines now developed, the road owns a large number, or stock in them, from which their own supply is procured, and a large portion of that used by the Kansas and Denver Pacific R. R. roads, beside half the fuel consumed by the population west of Omaha to the western slope of the Rocky Mountains. Beside these, there are other large mines, notably the Rocky Mountain Coal Company, whose works are at Evanston, on the Northern Pacific, from which the Central Pacific Road draws its chief supply, it having discovered no coal deposits on its line. Thus it will be seen that these coal mines of Wyoming are likely to prove a considerable source of wealth to the vast region lying between the Missouri River and the Pacific Ocean. The quality of the coal in these mines, however, is peculiar, being neither anthracite, nor bituminous, but possessing in part the qualities of both. It is much like coal discovered in Germany, which is used largely for smelting iron ores. The peculiarity of the discovery alluded to is, that in color and appearance it closely resembles the celebrated cannel coal, and it burns with a brilliancy that shows that it is full of oil. It has no shale or clinker, and the only refuse is a clear white ash. It is clearer even than the Rock Springs, which is by far the purest of Western coal now in use.

Enterprising parties are attempting to organize a stock company, at Santa Clara, Cal., with a capital of \$100,000, for the purpose of securing the location of J. T. Walker & Co.'s iron works there.



THE PERNOT ROTARY PUDDLING FURNACE.

when iron has passed that limit, by overheating, it is greatly reduced in strength.

We have seen by the foregoing what the effects of overheating are. An equally important question is, how to cool down an overheated boiler without injuring or ruining it? A sudden cooling of heated plates is productive of serious consequences. When a boiler is found in an overheated condition, the usual way is to open the furnace doors and allow as much cold air to come in contact with the heated plates as possible, and if it is ascertained that the water is low, to start a pump and very likely pour in cold water at a temperature approximating to the freezing point. It will require no extraordinary engineering skill to see that by such practice the plates, tubes and flues are suddenly cooled, and liable to fracture. The expansion of the metal has been gradual, extending as the temperature increased; but the contraction is instantaneous, and some portions of the iron being more exposed than others, the contraction is not uniform, and the result is, fractures attended with more or less danger. These fractures are very liable to occur at the riveted joints, and extend from the rivet hole to the edge of the plate, and along the line of rivets from hole to hole. This latter defect is very dangerous, and, if discovered in the slightest degree, should be carefully watched. It will be seen from the above that boilers are liable to both longitudinal and circumferential expansion and contraction, and the fractures resulting therefrom are mainly in consequence of poor management. If currents of cold air are allowed to flow into the furnace every time the fire is fed, or if cold water is pumped on to heated plates, serious trouble, if not accident, must ensue. Our attention was lately called to the condition of some rolling mill boilers, which were leaking badly around the tubes, and repairing seemed to have little effect. On examination it was found that they were under a shed, with open sides, and in a very exposed place. Every time the fires were fed a cold current of air poured in upon the heated

higher temperature than those farther away, and is consequently greatly expanded and bulged out, or, in common language, blistered. This defect is often more serious than at first appears. The thickness of the blisters may be a quarter or more of the entire thickness of the plate, and when they extend from 8 to 18 inches, as we have sometimes found them, they reduce the strength of the plate, and thereby become a dangerous defect. In all cases of this kind, the blister should be carefully trimmed off, and if its thickness is found to be sufficient to materially reduce the strength of the iron, a riveted patch should be provided. Upon the subject of laminated sheet, and the effect of high temperature thereon, the late Sir William Fairbairn has said: "It is evident that the temperature of the side of the sheet toward the fire may be upward of 1000°, while that of the other side is very little above 212°, or the temperature of boiling water; and supposing there be any imperfection or want of soundness in the plate, the result will be a greater expansion on the exterior surface, causing it to rise up in blisters. \*\*\* These defects are invariably present when the plates are not sound."

## DEFECTIVE WATER GAUGES.

The defects arise from the stoppage of the water and steam passages. Dirty water affects these gauges seriously, and when solvents of scale are introduced into boilers the surface of the water is sometimes rendered very foul, which affects more or less these attachments. If the water passage is stopped the indications of the gauge are not to be relied upon at all. And no doubt many an accident has occurred from the engineers supposing that there was an abundance of water, when in fact the water gauge was out of order. These

\* There has been some discussion among engineers, as to whether there is so wide a difference in temperature between the outer and inner surfaces of the fire sheets of boilers as Mr. Fairbairn allows. The claim by those who do not adopt the theory is that the temperature of the iron must always be higher than that of the superincumbent water, or rapid circulation would not ensue.



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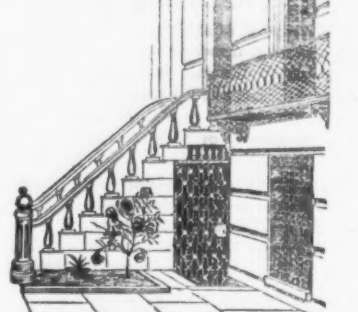
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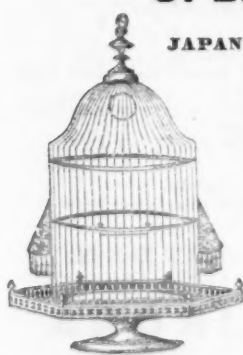
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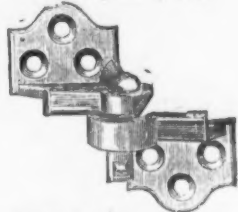
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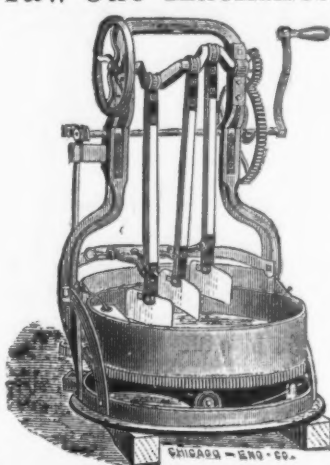
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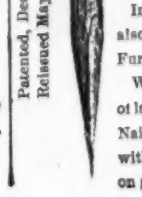
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## Progress of American Iron and Steel.

Our able contemporary, the Philadelphia  
North American, says:

According to the notions of the American  
free traders the manufacture of steel in the  
United States is a weak and sickly ex-  
ercise, forced and unnatural in production, and not  
deserving of encouragement. But statistics do  
not bear out this idea. On the contrary, they  
show that this is a most flourishing and prom-  
ising industry. In the year 1872 the world's  
production of steel and homogeneous iron,  
chiefly in the form of Bessemer metal, was 1,064,  
938 tons, of which England produced 500,000  
tons; Germany, 200,000; United States, 143,000;  
France, 138,000; Austria and Hungary, 49,250;  
Belgium, 15,284; Sweden, 12,000; Russia, 7204;  
Spain, 251. So that we stand third on the list  
by this statement, and at the present time our  
capacity is so greatly increased that in a pros-  
perous year we should stand second. In order  
that it may be seen what is the true importance  
of the position we have attained in this industry  
we may state that in 1835 the English produc-  
tion was only 100,000 tons, and that of France  
but 50,000 tons.

Thus it appears that the period when the  
manufacture of steel sprang up in the United  
States with such amazing vigor was the very  
one when the industry was leaping into new  
life in Europe. Under the protective system  
it was firmly planted in America, but it had to  
encounter the blind and stupid opposition of  
free traders, who either did not understand the  
nature of the situation that had given such a  
vast impetus to the use of steel, or were deter-  
mined that the industry should not be natural-  
ized in America. During all the time that the  
introduction of the manufacture of steel was  
in progress here the Pennsylvanians who  
were engaged in the movement were pursued  
and vilified as though they had been little bet-  
ter than Tweed and his gang, and nothing was  
left undone to rivet upon us the fetters of a  
foreign monopoly not then fully established,  
out in process of creation, as the above figures  
show. The market for steel was largely a new  
one, produced by the introduction of steel rails  
upon railroads, and at the same time the  
methods of making steel were new and better,  
in consequence of the introduction of the Bes-  
semer process. Yet just at this critical mo-  
ment, when it was most important that we  
should adopt the industry, in order to supply  
our own wants, every effort was made to render  
the American steel manufacturers odious to  
our own people whom they were laboring to  
serve.

The fact is that our Republic makes more  
pig iron and more soft iron than any other  
country in the world except England, and that  
if we had neglected to go in to the production  
of steel at this crisis, as others were doing, we  
should have been guilty of the most egregious  
folly. In pig iron we make as much every year as  
France and Germany combined, and in soft iron  
England alone exceeds us, and the next highest  
nation is about 500,000 tons behind us. The  
importance of these several manufactures can  
be best understood by reference to the enor-  
mous industries in which these raw materials  
are used, such as railroads, and in the produc-  
tion of tires, axles, plates, saws, axes, tools,  
cutlery and hardware, for all of which we  
must have been dependent on Europe, if the  
free traders could have had their way.

Looking at the immense wealth of the Re-  
public in iron and coal, it is amazing that any  
American can be so blind to the interest of his  
country as to discourage the progress of the  
iron and steel industry at home, and to favor  
the foreign importation instead. There is no  
exaggeration in saying that, with our resources  
and with the steadily expanding capacity of our  
home market, and the increase of our export  
trade, we ought not only to equal England in  
iron and steel, but to pass ahead of her and take  
command of the world's markets. And it has  
long been our own belief that such must be the  
ultimate result. In the course of time we shall  
ship raw iron and steel to Europe, just as we  
now ship breadstuffs, provisions, hides and  
leaf tobacco. For the present the production  
has gone beyond the wants of the home market,  
in consequence of the railway reaction. But  
with the recovery of that great interest, and the  
extension of the export trade, the production  
must again go on increasing, as new mines are  
constantly being opened and new works built.

Condemned so long to struggle desperately  
for a bare existence, the American iron and  
steel interest now finds itself exalted by that  
of only one other nation, and, with that single  
exception, to have completely distanced all the  
rest. And now the two great competitors—  
England and the United States—stand before  
the world preparing for the mighty struggle  
for supremacy in this prime industry of civiliza-  
tion. All weapons and all efforts have alike  
failed to arrest the grand career of the Repub-  
lic in this interest, and now the national ambi-  
tion is fully aroused by what has been already  
achieved, and is firm in the conviction that  
America can as well take the lead in iron and  
steel as in cotton and grain. If internal activity  
cannot be resumed soon on a scale adequate  
to make an increasing home market, the iron  
and steel interest must find an outlet in the ex-  
port trade. Markets do not spring up of  
themselves. They are erected by enterprise,  
commercial tact, ingenuity and adventurous  
effort, and as even now, when the domestic  
works are more than equal to the supply of the  
home market, the imports of foreign iron and  
steel still go on, we must make a general con-  
test for the trade of the world, and thus mark  
the fact that our industry is not a weak and  
puny ex-ercise, but indigenous to the soil, and as  
hardy and thrifty as any known to commerce.  
If there be no such thing as putting a stop to  
the efforts of the free trade propaganda to in-  
jure us at home, let us beard the lion in his  
den. We have already beaten the English in

axes, saws and various kinds of hardware in the  
markets of Canada and Australia, and there  
are some of our products that we can sell to  
advantage even in England. Belgium, French  
and German competition has made some classes  
of English manufacturers rather sick of free  
trade. We can do likewise. Let it be under-  
stood that we have raised our expectations, and  
mean to strike out boldly everywhere for the  
leading position in the iron and steel trade.

## Wire Making at Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

Among the manufacturing enterprises lately  
inaugurated at this enterprising little town is  
the Falls Wire Company, organized for the pur-  
pose of carrying on the manufacture of all the  
finer grades of iron wire—bright, annealed,  
coppered and tinned. This company was in-  
corporated in July, 1873, and immediately  
thereafter began the erection of suitable works  
for the prosecution of the business. These  
works were completed, the requisite machinery  
put in, and went into operation in February,  
1874. They are of brick, the main building,  
used as the mill, being three stories high with  
basement, and 75 feet in length by 45 feet in  
width. A wing one-story high with basement,  
55 feet in length by 35 feet in width, connects  
with the mill, and is used as the anneal-  
ing house. The buildings are fire proof, and  
are substantially built and conveniently ar-  
ranged. The works are run by water-power,  
two of James Leffel & Co.'s turbine water  
wheels being used, one of 40 and one of 10  
horse-power. The arrangements for conveying  
the power to the machinery are of the most  
perfect description, while in every respect the  
facilities of the company are ample and com-  
plete. The basement of the main building, or  
mill, contains the shafting, and there is also  
located here a cistern, with a capacity of over  
500 barrels of water, which is pumped to all  
parts of the building. On the first floor of the  
mill is the machinery for drawing coarse wire.  
There are five machines now in use, working  
36 blocks.

This machinery was built at Worcester, Mass.,  
and it is the intention of the company to in-  
crease the number of machines to 12. The  
second floor will be devoted to drawing fine  
wire, for which purpose there are now 200  
blocks in position, and the number will be in-  
creased from time to time, as the requirements  
of the business may render necessary. The  
third floor will be devoted to tinning wire.  
The annealing house contains four annealing  
furnaces. With the machinery now in place,  
the works have a capacity for turning out two  
tons of fine wire per day. From 20 to 25 men  
are employed.

This is the first mill built in the West for  
the manufacture exclusively of fine wire, and  
it has proved a success, as shown by the  
quality of the goods produced, and orders for  
wire that are coming in from all parts of the  
country, most of them coming from the West,  
but they have some fine orders on their books  
for pin wire, hook and eye wire, and goods  
of this class, from several of the New Eng-  
land States. The mill has been kept busy  
from nearly the first day since starting up. A  
portion of the mill is now, and has been, run-  
ning on double time all winter.

At present they buy their raw material in  
coils of one-fourth inch rods rolled in Nor-  
way, but it is the intention eventually to buy  
the imported "billets" and roll their own  
rods.

## Alabama Coal.

The Philadelphia North American says:  
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the valley of Virginia, to Eastern Tennessee and  
northern Georgia and Alabama by the rich de-  
posits of iron and coal in each of those sec-  
tions, it was seen that they must be developed  
and utilized more rapidly, and that at no remote  
day we should have Southern competition and  
co-operation. The movement grows. The lat-  
est instance is the formation of a coal and nav-  
igation company in Alabama, that owns 20,000  
acres of coal and iron land on the Tombigbee,  
some 350 miles above Mobile. The coal is the  
last Southern deposit in this country; is of the  
Cumberland variety, and in 40 feet veins; and  
it is inexhaustible amount. The company  
have been chartered with an exclusive right to  
use the river for coal transportation for 20 years,  
and exempted from State taxes forever. The  
iron privilege and hope are named, but rather  
as contingent to cover possibilities than for any  
definite expectation.

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prehend, will be found in its supply of bituminous  
coal to the adjacent country, and to Gulf ports  
that have drawn from remote mines. It is  
claimed that by floating the coal to Mobile it  
can be furnished everywhere on the Gulf at less  
than \$5 per ton, and a promise is made to un-  
load it along the whole northern Atlantic for  
that figure. Now, millions of tons are con-  
sumed annually, and St. Thomas and Jamaica  
derive profit from the importation of British  
coal that is sold between \$9 and \$20, and Mary-  
land and ships largely. Now, too, the growing fac-  
tories call for coal, and steamships furnish a  
market. Both are increasing in number. The  
Alabama supply at the price named must neces-  
sarily drive away rivalry, control the island mar-  
kets as well as those of the Gulf littoral, and  
supply the interior consumption.

Thus the south continually adds to the devel-  
opment of its own resources, and takes hold of  
new and greater prosperity. It has everything  
required to realize extreme desires; and, con-  
tinuing as it has commenced, it must very soon  
find its agriculture expanding in harmony with  
other interests, and be led to feel and so moved  
to act for the improvement of the great en-  
dowments that in one form or another are  
found in every State, and give an unity of in-  
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can create.



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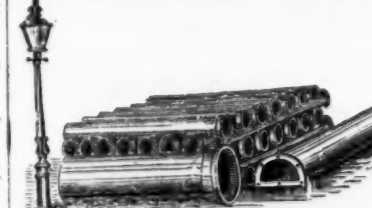
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## IMPROVEMENT IN HARDENING THE BLADES OF

SQUARES.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent

No. 157,566, dated December 8, 1874; issued to

Leonard Bailey, of New Britain, Connecticut.

It is essential that the blades for try-squares,

and other squares which are made of steel,

should be flat and true on the sides. It is

very desirable that the edges of these blades

be hardened or tempered, but it will not do to

attempt the hardening of the blade by the

common method—that is, to heat it to red

heat and then plunge into a bath of water or

other hardening fluid—for such process will

twist and spring the blade out of shape. This

invention is a process whereby the edges of the

blades are hardened, leaving the center of the

blades soft, without twisting or springing the

blades in the least.

The process is a very simple one: The blades

are bunched together side by side, as shown in

the drawing, and held together thus bunched in

some appropriate manner, as by the hoops

a a, wedges b b being used to tighten the

whole together. The whole bunch or fagot is

then heated to a red heat, or above, and

plunged into the water or other bath. The

result is that, with the exception of the two

outer blades, all the blades are hardened along

the edges only. The two outer blades can be

put within the fagot the next time, and will

come out hardened at the edges only.

By this process the hardening of the edges is

effected without injury to the form or truth

of the blade, but a large number of blades can

be hardened at once, it being practicable to in-

clude twenty-two try-square blades and more

in one fagot. This process is applicable to

other uses than hardening blades for squares

only.

Claim.—The process for hardening the edges

of steel plates, the same consisting in collecting

the blades into a bunch or fagot, then heating

the bunch or fagot to a red heat, as above, and

then suddenly cooling the fagot in a water or

other bath, as described.

## IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL.

Specification forming part of Letters Patent

No. 156,596, dated November 3, 1874, issued to

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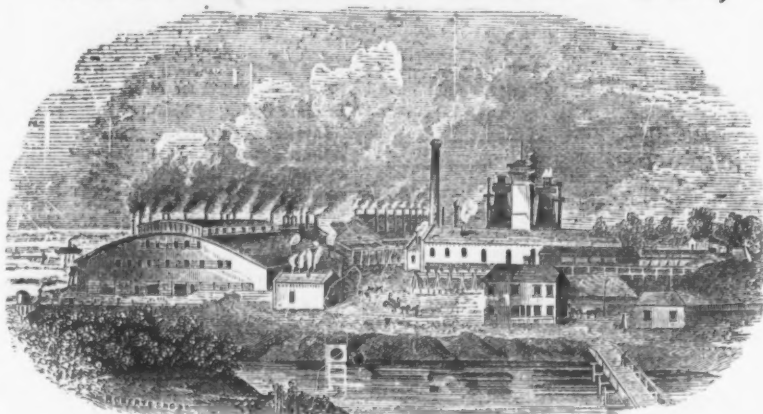
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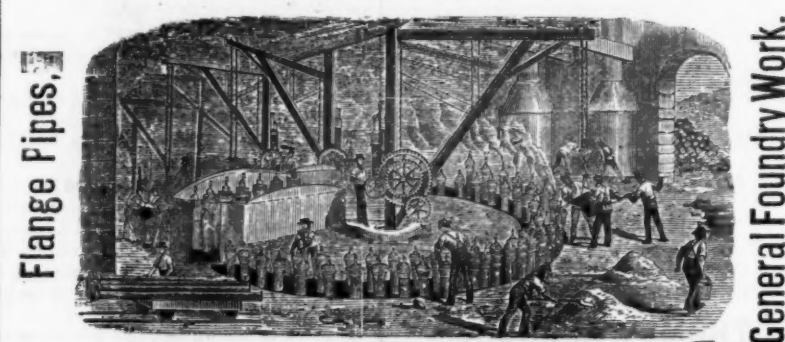
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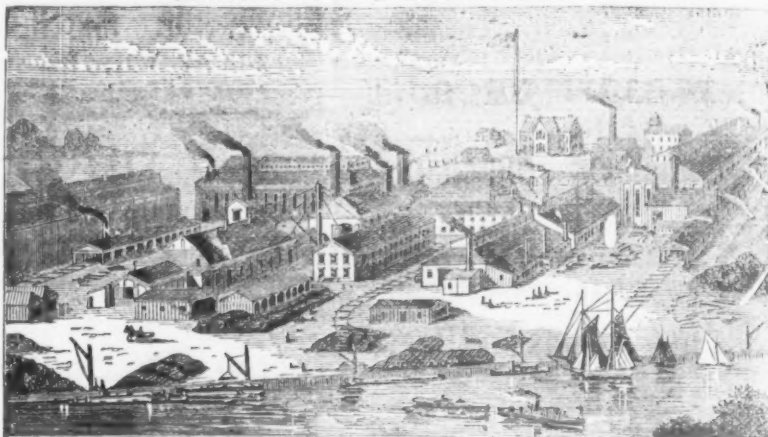
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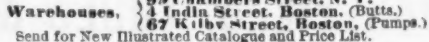
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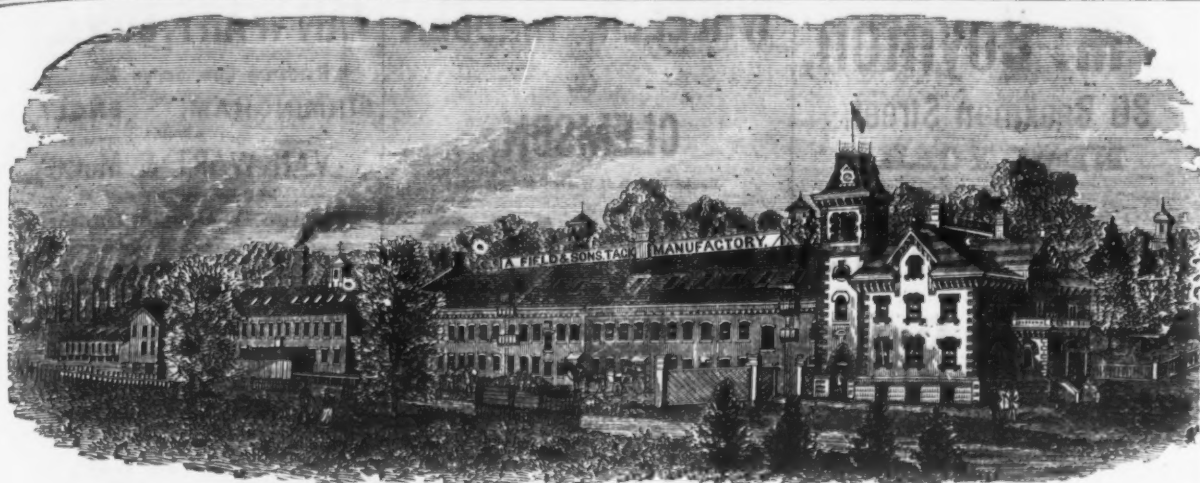
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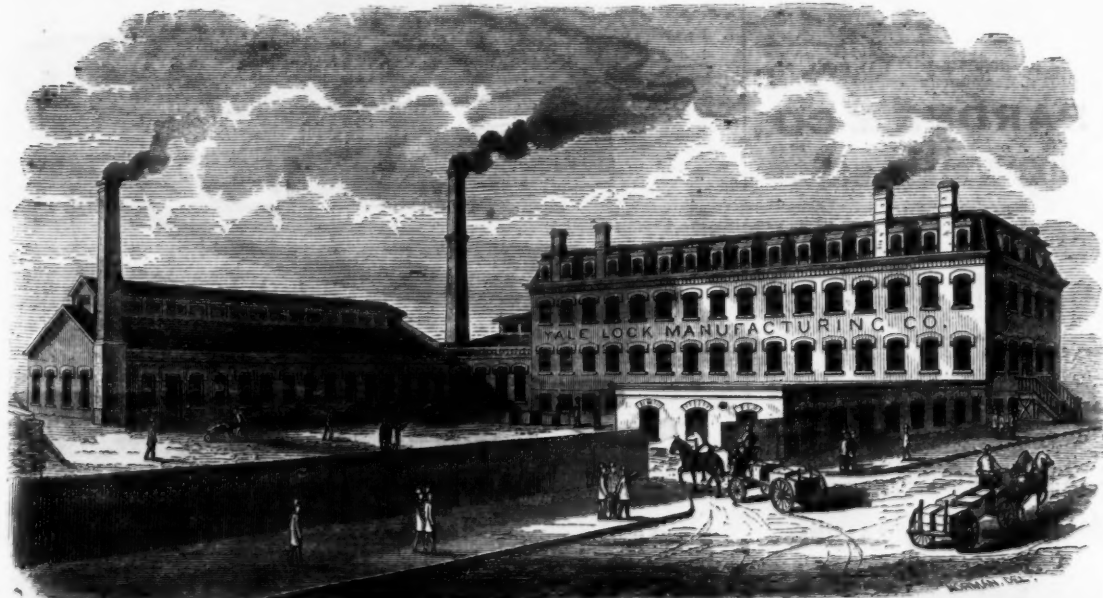
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### BUSINESS ITEMS.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The extensive ship yard of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company, at Port Richmond, Philadelphia, is completed, but not yet in operation, owing to difficulties in regard to closing certain proposed streets running through the property. These have now been overcome, and it is presumed operations will commence in the near future, giving employment to a large number of men and adding to the consumption of iron.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has a car built and used expressly for the purpose of testing the correctness of the track scales along the line. The body of the car is of iron, and it is furnished with weights, by which the scales can be proved. It is started out from Altoona once each month, and makes the round of the road and branches, adjusting all the scales.

Five Mogul engines are now being built for St. Louis, at the extensive locomotive works of Dawson & Bailey, Connellsville. They are of the 8 wheel pattern, weighing 24 tons, 3 foot gauge. The boilers are 44 inches in diameter, made of Sigo iron, 7-16 thick and double riveted; cylinders 14 in. diameter, cast in one piece, having 23 in. stroke; the fire boxes are 54x30 in., and made of homogeneous steel.

The Lackawanna Iron and Coal Company have blown in another blast furnace. Two are now in blast and three out. All five of the company's furnaces have a capacity of about 65,000 tons per annum, the largest being 23 feet across bores, and the remaining four 18 feet respectively.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

There is a steadily growing export demand for American machinery. The Burleigh Rock Drill Company, of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, have just shipped three large air-compressors to furnish motive power for running drills and pumps in the silver mines among the mountains of Peru and Chili.

#### MAINE.

The Portland Machine Works are making a pair of chilled rods for grinding feldspar for fire-brick in a factory owned and operated by Hon. John Lynch.

T. B. Hussey & Son carry on quite a business on the Sandy Stream, in the eastern part of Unity, manufacturing agricultural implements and stoves. They turn out about three hundred and fifty finished plows, and the castings for some five hundred more, and three hundred stoves annually. Their foundry and shops are conveniently arranged and economically managed.

The Portland Company Works have a good quantity of work at present. They are making the machinery for several porgy steamboats, one for J. Wilson & Co., of Fall River, and one for Will & Co., Long Island, N. Y. A large fly-wheel, weighing about 25 tons, for the Rolling Mills, has just been completed. They have just received orders for six engines for the Grand Trunk, and one for the St. Lawrence and Atlantic road. They have in their shop six engines of the Grand Trunk, to be changed from broad to narrow gauge; also two for the St. Lawrence and Atlantic road. They have over 300 men at work, and expect to be able to keep them employed through the winter.

#### OHIO.

Reiter & Conley, of Ironton, are constructing two blast furnaces, on the Erie principle. These furnaces will be ninety feet high, with seventeen feet bosh. The boiler stack is of iron, and is one hundred and eighty-six feet high, eighteen feet at the base and ten feet at the top.

A plow factory has been nearly completed at West Toledo, by Mr. N. Birch, who will remove from North Fairfield in that State. The cost will be not far from \$13,000.

The North Toledo Perkins Portable Engine Company manufacture a six horse-power machine daily at their new establishment. Forty men are employed at present.

The Painesville Telegraph has the following in regard to the proposed rolling mill at Fairport, the shore terminus of the Painesville and Youngstown Railroad. For some time past parties from abroad have been in correspondence, and held interviews with some of our citizens touching the erection of a rolling mill at Fairport. The matter has now assumed such shape that the details of the enterprise will soon be submitted to the property holders of Painesville, for their consideration and approval. Those moving in the matter are prominent responsible business men, who, if they find sufficient encouragement, will at once commence the work, and have the mill running by the middle of the present season.

One hundred thousand dollars have been subscribed to the capital stock of the company who contemplate purchasing Monitor Furnace and lands; and an additional subscription of a like amount, which seems pretty nearly secured, will enable the new company to commence operations. The intention of the new company seems to be to run the present furnace (iron stack 50 feet by 13 feet) in connection with a muck bar mill. The real estate embraces 836 1/4 acres in fee simple and 110 acres in mineral rights. A coal vein, represented good for smelting purposes, has been opened 55 feet directly above the furnace stack.—Ironton Register.

#### ILLINOIS.

O. W. Potter, manager of the North Chicago Rolling Mill Company, is reported to have stated that the gross earnings of the mills for the year 1874 will reach \$4,000,000. Mr. Potter also stated that the contracts already received will keep the North Side Rolling Mills in operation up to Nov. 1, 1875, in the manufacture of steel rails alone, thus giving employment to more than 1000 men, while, in all probability, the demand for iron will be sufficient to keep at work the remaining 600 operatives on the company's rolls.

The cultivator and wagon factory of L. & H. Smith & Co., at Pekin, was destroyed by fire on Saturday, Jan. 33. Loss on building, \$20,000; on machinery, \$20,000; and on stock, \$40,000. Among the insurances are \$200 each in the Looming, of this State, and Farmers', of New York.

#### OREGON.

The iron works on the Willamette River are running to their full capacity, and for a State where the production of ore is a comparatively new industry, they make a good showing. The furnace is charged every half hour with about 1000 pounds of ore, 100 pounds of limestone and 30 bushels of charcoal. The cost of each ton of pig iron produced is about as follows: Iron ore at furnace, \$10.75; 150 bushels charcoal, \$13.50; limestone, 500 pounds, \$5; superintendence and labor, \$4; total, \$33.25.

#### CALIFORNIA.

The Selby Smelting Works, located at San Francisco, are said to be the largest of the kind in the United States, having a capacity for refining over 2000 tons rebellious ores per month, separating therefrom the silver, etc. These ores, crude bullion, come from Eureka, Cerro Gordo, and other notable mines of the Pacific coast. Only about 10 per cent. of the refined lead extracted is used on that coast, the remaining 90 per cent. being shipped East for a market. Of this surplus, 7173 tons Selby Pig Lead has been shipped this year to New York and 222 tons to China, and more of the surplus is being sent off, as occasion offers, for a low rate of freight as ballast for steamers, etc. There are only about 130 tons refined lead per month sold or used on this coast. The Selby Shot Tower supplies nearly all the Drop Shot consumed on the Pacific slope, and the same parties furnish nearly all the sheet and pipe lead used on this coast, having quite a monopoly of this trade. The "Selby" Pig Lead has attained a high reputation in New York for its purity in the matter of white lead paint manufacture, and this, by the way, is an interest that we, on this coast, ought to have inaugurated at an early day.

Street cars for San Francisco are being manufactured in the railroad shops in Sacramento in that State.

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The safe factory of Beard & Brothers, at St. Louis, was burned Jan. 22.

The St. Louis stove foundries last year turned out 90,000 stoves. The average value a piece was about \$14.

#### MICHIGAN.

The puddlers at the Marquette and Pacific Rolling mill are on a strike, the company having given notice of a reduction of wages. As a consequence the mill is again idle, and will so remain until the men make up their minds that it is more profitable to work at reduced rates than not work at all.

A new Iron Mining Company has been organized near Clarksville, named the "Union Iron Company," and 1000 acres of rich mineral land has been set apart for this purpose. Late explorations on this land has developed a large body of ore, and the prospects are favorable for a good working mine. The company is officered as follows. R. S. Fay, of Boston, president; Edward Breitung, vice president; directors, H. J. Colwell, A. A. Ripka, Jay C. Morse, James Pickands and Wm. L. Wetmore; secretary and treasurer, C. G. Blake.

The Escanaba Furnace has lately been blown out. The wood contracts have been cancelled, and 800 or 1000 men thrown out of employment.

The rolling mill furnace, Marquette, is working with its full force, and is turning out from 35 to 40 tons of A No. 1, and No. 1, foundry iron per day. The ore used is the Lake Superior specular and the Rolling Mill hematite. So long as the fuel lasts the furnace will remain in blast.

### Henderson's Hydraulic Car Brakes.


A trial of the Henderson hydraulic car brake was made a few days ago on the Chester and Philadelphia Railway. In the first test the train was stopped while going at the rate of 30 miles an hour, on track with a down grade of 15 feet to the mile, in 22 seconds, after running a distance of 870 feet. At the dead stop the steam gauge pressure was 105 pounds, and the brake gauge pressure was 90 pounds.

In the second test the brakes were put on when the train was running at 35 miles an hour, and came to a dead stop in 22 seconds, a distance of 720 feet from the point where the brakes were put on. The steam gauge pressure at the dead stop was 104 pounds, and the brake gauge pressure 95 pounds. The third test was on a down grade of over 30 feet. The train was running at the rate of 30 miles an hour, and was brought to a dead stop in 31 seconds, at a distance of 780 feet. The steam gauge pressure was 92 1/2 pounds, and the brake pressure at 90 pounds.

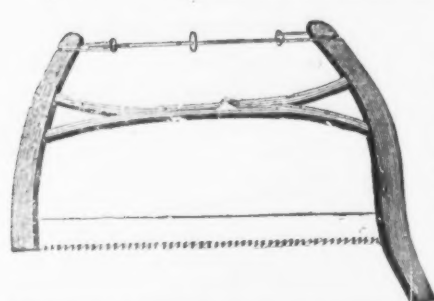
Most of the company then left the train and closely watched the application of the brake. In three tests the train was stopped each time on a level track within from twenty-five to fifty feet of its own length, in from 16 to 18 seconds. The last test was made with the train going at a speed of over twenty miles, and it was stopped in 15 seconds. The tests were made without reversing the engine, and under several disadvantages. The day was clear, cold, and frosty, and with a slight wind, the usual practice of dropping sand on the rails was of no use. Another point was that through the changing of one of the caps, taken off for the examination of the expert present, it was found necessary to shut off one brake, thus losing one-eighth of the power.

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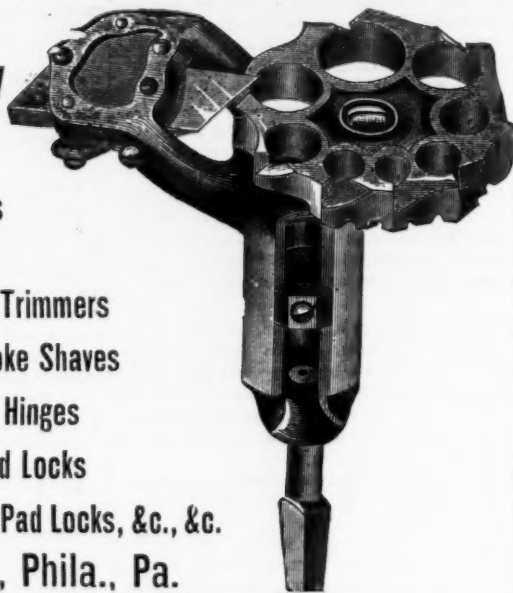
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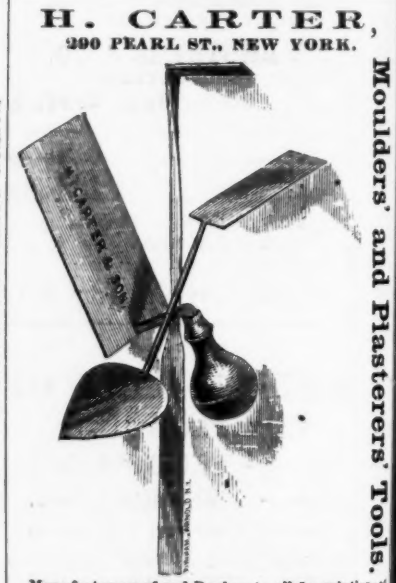
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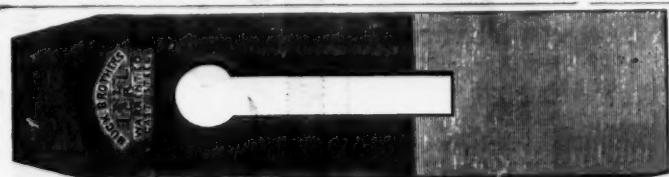
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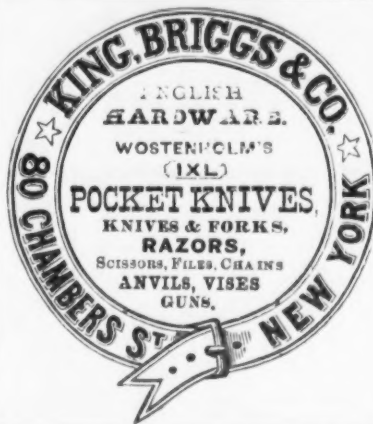
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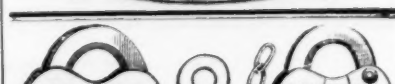
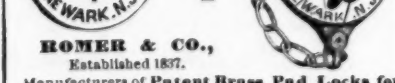
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PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 8, 1875.

Very little of interest has transpired during the week under review, in trade circles especially. Some little excitement has been occasioned by a rumored combination of furnace owners to advance the price of pig iron, but this, from the condition of affairs, is highly improbable. The trade is just emerging from a prolonged period of depression, such as it scarcely ever before experienced; furnace owners are agreeably surprised at the slight improvement in demand which now exists, and having made their preparations for cheaper stock and labor are exceedingly happy to meet customers at any price which will afford them even interest on their capital. Any advance in the price of pig iron, and such is very likely within a limited extent, must be due to actual demand, and as such is to be regarded as legitimate. Nothing, however, can more clearly indicate the great reduction in both cost of production and selling price of iron products, than the bids offered the Cincinnati Southern Railroad Company this week, and quoted in *The Iron Age* last issue. Here were offered thirteen bids for iron rails, and seven for steel, for a quantity of 25,000 tons iron, and 22,000 tons steel rails, of which the highest bid for iron was \$62.00, and the lowest, \$48 per ton, an average of the thirteen bids being \$55.24. For the steel rails the highest bid was \$82, and the lowest, \$72, an average being \$78.36 per ton. These prices are, however, nearly, if not quite, 40 per cent. below rates which would have been quoted on February 1st, two years since, and thus show the tremendous shrinkage in values which has obtained in this short period. Nor is this shrinkage confined to rolled iron or steel, by any means, but has extended to other forms, as is shown by the following: Bids were opened by the Water Department of this city during the past week for iron castings, pipe, etc., and contracts awarded at the following rates, viz.: For 300,000 pounds of iron castings at 2 1/2 cents per pound, for four, six, eight, ten and twelve inch pipe, contracts were awarded; for four and six inch at 1.74 cents, and for eight, ten and twelve inch, at 1.72 cents per pound, and also for sleeves and branches at 2.9-16 cts. per pound. These prices show even a greater shrinkage, when compared with those of 1872 and 1873, before the panic, than the rails above referred. A contract for 17,000 pounds of brass castings was awarded at 17 cents per pound, which indicates that metals have, in some degree, sympathized with iron in the great reduction. All these prices show clearly that we have about reached the ultimatum in reduction, and that from this time on slightly higher rates must rule. The reduction of wages continues, although the rates have been materially cut already. Thus we find that the Eastern iron manufacturers, in session at Boston on the 28th, resolved that a further reduction in wages was absolutely necessary to enable Eastern manufacturers to compete with those of the West. From Pittsburgh, also, we learn that the puddlers are beginning to accept the terms of the reduction demanded, and thus to acknowledge as inevitable a lower scale of wages. Notwithstanding the complaint that the cost of living has not decreased in proportion to the reduction of wages, it appears that this expense is not very materially greater than in foreign countries where labor is not nearly so well paid. This is well established, so far as the Eastern section of the country, the most expensive portion, is concerned, by the following extract from the last report of the Labor Commission of Massachusetts, viz.: "One dollar will buy twenty pounds of flour in Boston, or two pounds more in several European ports, but the same or a considerably less in a majority of the places compared. In Boston one dollar will buy 5.56 lbs. of fresh beef, roasting piece. In no place in England will it buy so much by a pound or more, and in Europe still less, Copenhagen being the only place given where it will buy more. Butter in Europe averages a pound more to the dollar than here, cheese less by more than that except in a few spots. As for potatoes, they are cheaper here than in England, and dearer than in Ireland or Germany. Seven or eight pounds of pork for a dollar are sold here, and not much more than half as much can be obtained for that sum in England or Europe, and nowhere as much. In rice, milk and eggs they have the advantage of us. Tea costs less here than in England, but more than on the Continent. With coffee it is about the same, though the difference is little. In sugar, the British are a little better off, the Continentals good deal worse. Coal is cheaper here than in Germany, and dearer than in England. Maritime or common prints are cheaper here than in England or Europe. Boots are about the same here as there. There are about two or three places in England or the Continent where brown sheetings are cheaper than here, while in brown shirtings the foreigners are better off. Rent for four roomed tenements is from two to four times cheaper in Great Britain and on the Continent than in Boston; in Austria, fifteen times cheaper. Board also is from one and a half to twice as cheap in Europe and Great Britain as in Boston."

It is to be noted that the expense of rent, always the heaviest item to the operative, continues here to rule far higher than abroad, and necessarily must do so. It is, therefore, clearly to the interest of all large works, corporations and railroad companies, extensively employing labor, to provide cheap and suitable tenements for their operatives, and at as low a rate of rental as is consistent with the investment in the property. From all points it is evident that we are, in the iron trade, undergoing a transition not only from the era of high prices and extravagant management, but also from that of iron to steel for very many uses in which iron has hitherto ruled. This the rail mills have already discovered, and where steel was sold with difficulty, and iron with ease, the conditions are now reversed, and steel works are well supplied with orders, as is shown by some of the Bessemer works east of the Alleghenies bidding for such an order as 22,000 tons for the Cincinnati Southern Railway, while the iron mills are seeking customers at scarcely margin enough to pay for production. We are, therefore, rearing, or have reached, the period when we only require some more economical process of producing cheap and good steel in large quantities to insure its adoption in very many

branches of industry where iron has ruled. Under this state of affairs the only expensive element in production, that of coal, cannot long continue at present cost, either through high wages to miners, or high freights to carrying companies.

The full report of the voyage of the City of Peking from New York to San Francisco, has just been received through the California press, and shows that although unfortunate in loss of portions of her screw, the ship came fully up to her requirements. The whole passage occupied 90 days, during which she made but 14,403 miles, of which distance she made but 506 miles with a perfect screw; 2587 miles on but three arms, and 11,310 miles on but two arms of her propeller. These accidents to screws, by the breakage of arms, are becoming so common as to require investigation. The Pennsylvania lost two arms in her first passage, and again in heavy weather this winter; several other steamers report similar accidents, and as it is of comparatively late occurrence, was not before reported, it is a class of accident evidently due to some cause which is attributable to material used, or workmanship employed. The City of Peking was visited and examined with great admiration by the Emperor of Brazil, while in the harbor of Rio Janeiro, and will doubtless be the means of bringing orders for iron ships from that country, which we now supply with locomotives, to the exclusion almost of foreign competition. American industry is thus steadily gaining ground abroad to our certain future benefit.

## Protecting Pumps from Frost.

A correspondent of the *Ohio Farmer* offers the following good suggestions: One or two nights recently, Jack Frost gently hinted that we ought to be ready for him when he comes in earnest. On going to the pump in the morning, I found the water frozen inside so that it required quite an effort to break the ice. But I am ready for him, and I want to tell the readers of the *Farmer* how I managed it.

At home, on my father's farm, we had no well or pumps—good springs being abundant. Hence it is I got caught the first winter after I married and moved on to a farm of my own. I was not used to freezing pumps, and so one bitter cold morning I found both pumps—the one at the house and the barn pump—locked tight. I will not describe the annoyance that followed—every farmer who has a pump has had some experience of the kind at some period of his life.

It took three days to thaw those pumps out, and I was compelled to take my stock to a neighbor's half a mile away, to water them, and also had to obtain water at the same place for household use. I never got caught the second time on the same trick. As soon as the pumps were clear of ice, I procured two good brass faucets, and boring holes in the pumps, five feet below the platform, inserted the faucets in them securely. I then procured a narrow strip of board of sufficient length, and bored a hole in one end large enough to slip over the handle of the faucet. With this I could turn the handle easily, either way; and I have never had any trouble since.

Some have a plug, simply, within reach of the hand, below the platform; but this is insufficient in the coldest weather, beside being inconvenient. The faucets are better every way. Care must be taken to provide enough water before turning it off, to start the pump in the morning.

I use these faucets also in warm weather when the pumps have been standing undisturbed in the hot sun half a day. The water above the platform is then unfit for use, but it is usually pumped into the trough for the tired, thirsty horses, when the owner knows that a sip of it would be as good as an emetic for himself.

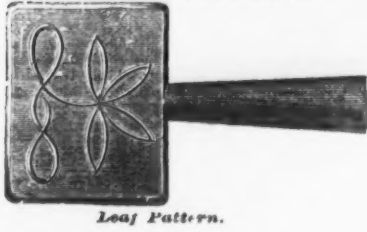
We find in the Berlin *Industrie-Blatter*, of recent date, a description of a self-acting electric steam-whistle for locomotives, recently introduced on the Northern Railway of France. The object intended is to give warning of danger when fog or darkness renders ordinary signals indistinct, and to attract the attention of the engineer if negligent and unwatchful. An extra whistle is attached to the boiler of the locomotive. The opening through which the steam should escape is closed by pieces of metal attached to a strong spring which tends to open the escape, but is held back by a piece of soft iron, the armature of an electromagnet. When now a current of electricity passes around the electro-magnet the armature is drawn down and the spring released which sets the whistle screaming. The method of connecting the current is as follows: One end of the wire which forms the helix is connected with the engine, and through the wheels and rails with the earth. The other end is connected with an insulated metal brush placed so far beneath the engine that its copper bristles, so to speak, project an inch or two below the lowest part of the train between the tracks. At each signal station there is a "contact maker" between the rails so fixed that it will be touched by the copper brush, and by no other part of the locomotive or cars. It has on its copper end a copper plate connected with the positive pole of a battery, but this is usually covered with a non-conducting plate. If the road is clear the brush strikes the non-conducting plate and all is quiet. As soon as the danger signal is set, the non-conducting or insulating cover is removed from the brass plate of the contact maker, the current passes around the magnet, the armature falls, and the spring is released, the steam escapes and blows the whistle for down brakes! Experiments have shown that the contrivance works well even at a speed of 68 miles per hour.

It would be an easy matter to connect this with the block system in use on our best roads, so that each train would telegraph back its whereabouts to the train following, if in dangerous proximity. In addition to sounding a whistle, we think the principle, which is not new or foreign, might be employed to apply the air brakes, or even close the throttle valve should the engineer be asleep, drunk or absent.



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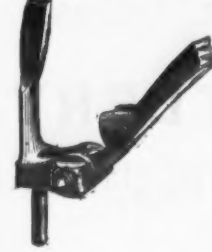


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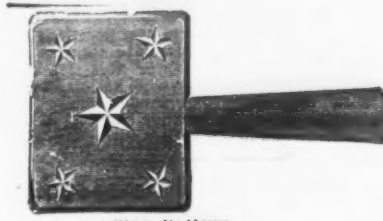
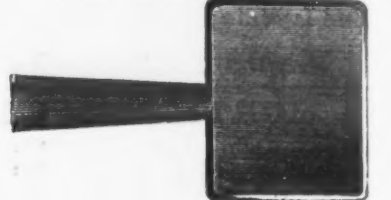


Upper View.



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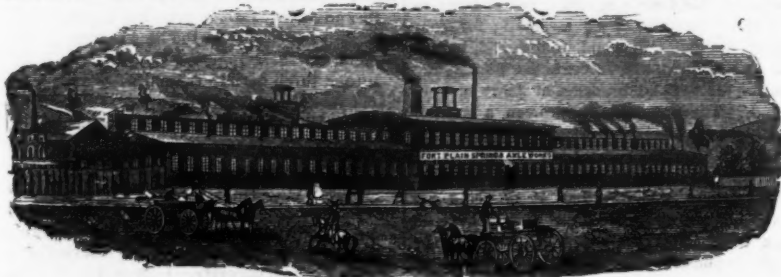
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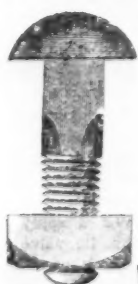
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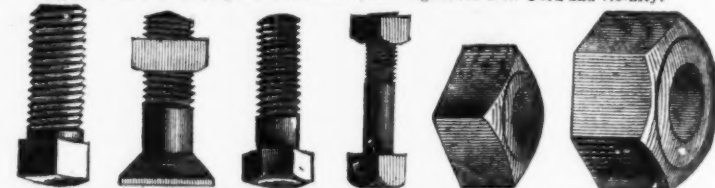
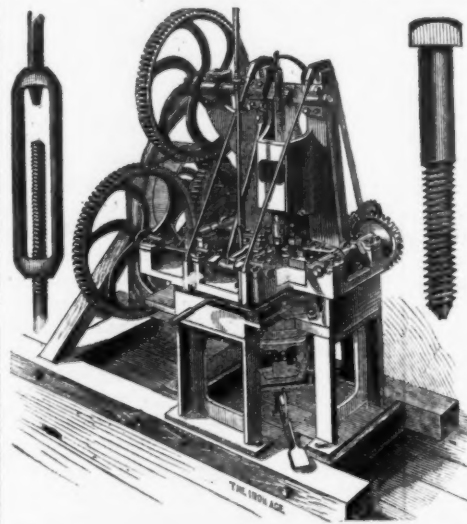
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## Our Internal Ship Canals.

We have heretofore referred to the progress made in the improvement of the Hudson River and the proposed Champlain Ship Canal, as one of the most important steps in the effort toward cheap transportation from the Northwest to the seaboard. Another means of attaining the same end is sought in the construction, or more strictly speaking, the completion of the James River and Kanawha Canal, by which a Southern outlet is to be furnished for the products of the Ohio and Mississippi valleys. The cost of both these works will be very considerable; that of the latter, as estimated by the Board of Engineers appointed for the survey, reaching no smaller sum than fifty millions of dollars. While, however, the first of these undertakings is being pushed, as rapidly as the appropriation made by the State of New York will permit, the latter is not likely to make

any advancement in the immediate future, since the only prospect it has of relief is found in an appeal to the National Government for the capital to construct it. Within a short time, however, the American Geographical Society has announced the receipt of important information relative to Ship Canals, which are projected and likely to be shortly constructed, and which promise to be of great value to the internal commerce of the States east of the Alleghenies. The first of these projected canals, and that most likely to be of immediate advantage to the Iron trade, is the Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal, designed to connect the waters of Chesapeake and Delaware Bays across a comparatively narrow and level strip of country. The engineering features of this work present no obstacles worthy of note, so that is not to be considered in the light of a great undertaking, save in its commercial advantages. The distance to be cut through is but seventeen miles, beyond which nothing but the dredging of a sufficiently deep channel is required to furnish a water way without locks, suitable for the passage of the largest vessel. The topography of the country presents nearly a dead level, and no rock is met with necessary to be removed. By this canal a very considerable portion of the State of Delaware, the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and two counties of Virginia, in all an area of almost five thousand square miles, will be converted into an island. With the geographical features of the undertaking we are not here concerned. The important fact is that the saving of distance in navigation from Baltimore to New York by this work, will be at least two hundred and twenty-five miles, and to Philadelphia much more. Such are the advantages of the proposed Maryland and Delaware Ship Canal, as stated by the Geographical Society, and when we add that in the opinion of that body "no ship canal project seems to be more feasible or practical, and if the vast commercial wants and advantages be considered, none would be more valuable to the commerce of the Atlantic seaboard," it is clear that nothing remains but to urge in the strongest terms the completion of the work. For some time it has been evident to merchants and manufacturers alike that the rapid growth of our coastwise trade with the South, to say nothing of our internal commerce from that region, demanded the increase of facilities for transportation, and primarily a method of avoiding the dangerous navigation of the Atlantic coast in winter. That portion of the coast lying between the mouth of the Chesapeake and Delaware bays has been the scene of innumerable marine disasters, "only equalled by those of that portion lying adjacent to Cape Hatteras. Independent, however, of the general commercial advantages to be looked for from the construction of such a canal, it is a very simple matter to enumerate direct benefits to be looked for to the iron and coal trades. In a previous article we alluded to the existence of very excellent ores, resembling in constitution and character very closely the celebrated ores of the Lake Superior region of Michigan. These ores, lying in the Southern portion of Virginia, and attainable by water freights to Richmond, would naturally seek, via Chesapeake Bay and the proposed canal, a safe and easy outlet to the valleys of the Schuylkill, the Lehigh and the Hudson. By this means they could be transported without breaking bulk, and consequently at reduced cost, to the furnaces and steel works of the North. Further south, and within easy rail distance of Richmond, or by inland sound navigation from Elizabeth City to Norfolk, are the very valuable ores of North Carolina, which, from lack of transportation, have hitherto been kept out of the market. These ores, by the great saving in distance, would be thus brought within easy reach of consumers. Nor are we to look to this section for iron ores alone; North Carolina already furnishes a large portion of the mica used in the stove trade, an item of very considerable importance. Gold ores of greater or less value are also found in that State, which, with cheap freights and water transportation, can be brought to cheap fuel and the necessary skill and labor for their reduction. Southern Virginia contains, directly adjacent to the water ways spoken of, a variety of minerals ready for market, such as copper, manganese, plumbago, and barytes, all of which would seek an open market by this means, and which now are restricted in development and shipment. Nor are the gas, canal and splint coals of West Virginia to be excluded from the list of products to be obtained more cheaply by means of this projected canal. These coals, for the two former of which there is a steady and profitable market in New York, will before long come by way of the James River Canal, should, as is expected, the short link of railroad between Buchanan and Clifton Forge, on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad be

completed as is projected. To say nothing, therefore, of the Western products via the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, the charcoal irons of Virginia and West Virginia, or the railroad ties and other timber of the same States, we have in the proposed ship canal a means of promptly developing the mineral trade of Virginia and North Carolina, and enabling a supply of cheap ores to the various metal industries of the North.

The second project referred to by the Geographical Society is that of Cape Cod, cutting off the peninsular of Barnstable from the mainland of Massachusetts. A saving of over one hundred miles of very dangerous navigation will here be made for vessels passing from Eastern to Northern or Southern ports.

The fact that public attention is so strongly and favorably attracted to these works, argues the approach of a period when the benefit of commerce and manufactures by means of cheap transportation is to be more closely studied, and a new field open for the investment of capital. Moreover, the certainty of the completion of these lesser, but no less important, works indicates the strong probability that such works as the James River and Kanawha Canal and the Champlain Ship Canal will be carried out in the near future. The importance of the latter undertakings are not to be doubted when we consider the magnitude of the internal commerce of the United States, and the vastness of our territory, lying as it does midway between Europe and Asia, and in the natural position to send our varied products to the new markets opened by extending commercial relations. With a coast line on the Atlantic extending through 20° of latitude, and on the Pacific through nearly 40° more, we have an area of 3,000,000 square miles open to trade and commerce within ourselves. With a money value of over \$30,000,000,000 of real and personal property in 1870, at the same ratio of progress the individual wealth of the country in 1890 would equal \$120,000,000,000. In 1870 the products of the soil alone were valued at over \$2,500,000,000, while in 1872 seven of the Western States produced over 1,600,000,000 bushels of grain. These figures are only given to show the importance of facilities for transportation, and the demand for the products of the industries we represent, which such an agricultural product creates. By the report of the Senate committee it is shown that at least one-half of the cost of freightage the products of the soil from the West to the seaboard could be saved by proper provision for cheapening transportation, and the readiest method of which was to be found in the water ways proposed. It is not to be supposed that the construction of canals is likely to effect in any way the market demand for iron, so far as lessening it is concerned. Given the possibility of moving the products of soil, forest and mine from the far West to the seaboard by the only natural and inherently economical method, water freights, and a demand will spring up for new roads to develop fresh agricultural and mineral regions, new furnaces to reduce the minerals on the spot, and mills and foundries to supply the population opening such regions which will give a healthy and vigorous prosperity to the iron industry, such as it has never yet possessed. All signs point to this as the legitimate end of the undertakings herein referred to. It is not more trunk lines of railway that are wanted, but trunk water ways, with lateral lines of railway for comparatively short routes, developing agricultural regions, and acting as feeders or tenders to the great routes which shall transport the products of the soil at the cheap and economical rates of freight only attainable in canal navigation.

The importance of the projected ship canals, and of the more extensive improvements here referred to, cannot, therefore, be overlooked by the iron trade. In their present crude condition they may not inaptly be compared to the railway system of the early days. The Chesapeake and Delaware Ship Canal occupies the position now that the Camden and Amboy Railroad then did, and the James River and Kanawha Canal of the future may be looked forward to as the Pacific Railway then was, a tremendous necessity, which all shrunk from undertaking, but the value of which, and the certainty of the ultimate construction of which, no one of intelligence dared deny.

## New York and the Centennial.

We have received from Mr. A. T. Goshorn, Director General of the United States Centennial Commission, a copy of a letter addressed by him to Governor Tilden, of this State, which is of sufficient interest to be given to the public. The following is a copy:

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION, 1876.  
UNITED STATES CENTENNIAL COMMISSION,  
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 30, 1875.  
To His Excellency, Samuel J. Tilden, Governor of New York—SIR: In behalf of the United States Centennial Commission, I have the honor

to direct your attention to several subjects connected with the International Exhibition of 1876, of great importance to your Commonwealth, and for which provision should be made this year.

It has already become manifest that a large proportion of the articles to be exhibited will be provided for in a creditable manner by the manufacturers and producers of the several States, whose collection is essential to a complete representation of the material and social condition of the community, yet which it is not to the interest or within the power of any individual to collect. Of this description are the unwrought natural resources of the land, such as its minerals, soils, woods, vegetation, etc. It is so largely upon their wealth in this direction that the growth of States depends, that this department of the Exhibition will be critically studied by those interested in the problems of immigration and of the investment of capital. On merely economical grounds every State would do well to provide liberally for the thorough and extensive representation of the actual and possible products of its soils. Another department that should be inaugurated and prepared under the auspices of the State governments, is that which may be termed the historical and statistical. Unless done by official authority, there will not be a complete presentation of such matters as the history of the early settlement of the State; its physical features; climate; geographical position; government, law and punishment of crime; system of State and municipal taxation; revenue and expenditure; benevolent institutions and charities; education—scientific, industrial, commercial; learned and religious societies; agricultural and manufacturing interests; the extent and effects of railroads and other means of transportation; the history and growth, in population and wealth, of the State. All these subjects, among others, ought to be so represented as to afford a summary view of the history, progress and present condition of every State. Unless this is accomplished, the exhibition will seriously fall in that part of its purpose which contemplates a representation of the nation's growth during the first century of its existence.

Official resources only are adequate to the satisfactory execution of the task thus proposed. It is hoped, therefore, that each of the States, either by legislative action or otherwise, will adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary to empower existing organizations or agencies to be created to prepare an exhibition of its native resources and moral and political advancement as herein indicated. A collective representation of this character will not only be interesting, as illustrating the prosperity of the country, but will also be a valuable contribution to the preservation in the archives of the nation, as a correct history of the birth and progress of the several communities that have contributed, during the century, to the growth and strength of the Union of States.

How far your State will participate in these suggestions is a question that I have the honor to most respectfully submit and recommend to your early consideration.

Your obedient servant,  
A. T. GOSHORN,  
Director General.

We hope that Governor Tilden will lose no time in submitting these suggestions to the legislature, with such recommendations as he may think advisable. We do not know that any steps have yet been taken to secure a creditable presentation of the resources and statistics of this State at the Centennial Exhibition. Our legislature has hitherto manifested a disposition to regard the exhibition with indifference, if not with disfavor. Now that the success of the undertaking is assured, it is probable that the exhibition will be regarded from a somewhat different standpoint. The time that remains in which to carry out the suggestions contained in Mr. Goshorn's letter is certainly brief, and if any action is to be taken in the matter it should be taken at once.

## The Stove Trade.

The annual meeting of the National Association of Stove Manufacturers assembled at the Palmer House, Chicago, at noon yesterday, and is in session at the time of this writing. We hope to present a full account of the proceedings in our next issue. It would be profitless to speculate at this time on the probable action of the association with regard to the basis for the ensuing half year, but the occasion suggests some reflections upon the condition and prospects of the stove trade, which may not be without interest to many of our readers.

For many reasons, the past season has not been an unprofitable one for stove manufacturers. The consumptive demands of the country have been comparatively small, and the market has been practically monopolized by novelties introduced under conditions rendering sharp competition necessary; prices have not been well maintained, and we have heard of many instances in which stoves have been sold so much below the probable cost of production that the makers would have done better to have kept their foundries closed and paid ground rent out of their capital. It is probable that these same conditions will prevail to some extent during the current year. We hear of great activity among the pattern makers, which gives promise of another avalanche of novelties upon the market as soon as the trade opens; and while the retail trade undoubtedly demands this stimulus, it is interesting to consider how the manufacturers will be affected by the change they have brought about. In the straining after novelty it is probable that many mistakes will be made. New patterns do not always captivate the public fancy, and the buyers of stoves for use are, generally speaking, not inclined to give a stove the benefit of any doubt which may exist in their own minds as to its utility, economy, convenience and beauty. The direction in which the effort after novelty has been carried furthest

away from a safe basis is, in our judgment, in excessive and unnecessary "illumination." The idea of illuminating a stove is good, but it can be carried too far, and an intelligent housekeeper will not be long in finding out that too many mica lights are not desirable. These, however, are matters upon which we do not propose to offer the manufacturers any advice. Experience will show whether standard patterns with all improvements of real value, or novelties of doubtful popularity, are their safest dependence, and whether, between the desire to introduce new patterns on the one hand, and to run off old ones on the other, it is possible for them to maintain prices on a basis of legitimate profit. The course of this trade during the coming season promises to answer several important questions, which, during the past year, have suggested themselves to thoughtful manufacturers, and the meeting next week affords an excellent opportunity for an exchange of views in private conference, if not in public debate. We know the stove manufacturers of the country well enough to feel assured that they have no wish to cut each other's throats in a business way. Each one is willing his neighbor should prosper so long as he can make a reasonable profit; and a competition such as we have witnessed during the past year can only result from an abnormal condition of the trade. The National Association has done much to establish a healthier condition than existed previous to its organization, and it still has much to do before the purpose of its organization shall have been accomplished. For this reason every maker of stoves in the United States should be a member of it, and every member should attend its meetings.

## New Publications.

A NEW TREATISE ON ELEMENTS OF MECHANICS, ESTABLISHING STRICT PRECISION IN THE MEANINGS OF DYNAMICAL TERMS. By John W. Nystrom, C. E. Published for the author by Porter & Coates, 322 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. 322 pages.

The author of this work is well-known to the engineering world through his pocket handbook, and through several other works on scientific subjects. Men of ability, great attainments and great force of character always leave the impress of their own individuality upon whatever work they may undertake, whether it be the construction of an engine or the writing of a book; and in glancing over the work before us, this is strikingly evident. We have personal ideas and opinions made manifest, and while certainly original, they do not always strike us as entirely appropriate to a work upon mechanics. Opinions, however, have in no way obtruded themselves upon the facts, and of these we have an abundance, put in convenient shape, and illustrated with suitable diagrams. The facts are just those which we wish to have always at command, and the author has put them into a conveniently available form. There are some sections that strike us as curiosities, and which afford much matter for thought, though perhaps not as practical in character as the greater part of the work, as for example, that on duodecimal arithmetic—a duodecimal numeration—which forms an appendix to the work.

The author's previous reputation for accuracy in facts, figures and rules is a sufficient guarantee for the accuracy of the present work. We are glad to see the work upon our table, and think it will be a useful addition to our library, as it will be doubtless to all those who have mechanical calculations to make. We notice several sections which seem to us very happy in the way in which they reach the gist of the matter. The nomenclature is somewhat original, and though we are not prepared to adopt it, yet the author has much to say in favor of it that requires attention, and certainly succeeds in making his meaning pretty clear by the use of it, which is more than can be said of many of our standard authorities upon the subject of mechanics.

The expression of rules by algebraic formulas is a practice which the author in his handbook has carried further than any author with whose works we are acquainted, and though somewhat forbidding to one whose mathematical knowledge is small, it really puts a rule into the best possible form for comprehension and easy mastery. The same plan could be widely adopted in our pocket books with advantage, both in space and clearness. In this work, though elementary in its character, the rules are all in algebraic form, yet the greater part of them require no knowledge of the higher mathematics for their solution. The work on this account will be available to a large class of readers to whom the ordinary works are shut, because of the amount of mathematical knowledge needed to use them.

Various experiments have been made by a war committee, on explosives, with a view of ascertaining the practical effect of Prof. Abel's proposed plan for the bursting of common shells filled with water, by means of a detonator, consisting of dry compressed gun-cotton enveloping a small cap of fulminate of mercury. Some months ago the practicability of exploding 16 pound common shells in this manner was satisfactorily established, and the result of such an arrangement was the bursting of a shell into 3000 fragments, whereas only about 50 pieces were produced by the explosion of an ordinary bursting charge of gunpowder. The effect of such an explosion among troops in the field could not be otherwise than disastrous in the extreme. Lately, however, experiments have been made with 9 inch common shells, which far exceed in effect that of any conducted with the field service common shell. On this occasion the bursting element employed was wet gun-cotton in lieu of water. The result was extraordinary, the shell bursting literally into thousands of pieces.



## IRON TRADE STATISTICS.

Abstract of the Annual Report of the Secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association.

We have received an advanced copy of the annual report of Mr. James M. Swank, secretary of the American Iron and Steel Association, which will be presented at the annual meeting to be held in Philadelphia to-day. The report is of much interest and value, covering a wide range of subjects, and embodying a mass of carefully compiled statistics. We regret that our limited space prevents our giving more than the following brief extracts:

**PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON IN THE UNITED STATES.**  
We present herewith full and accurate statistics of the production of pig iron in the United States in 1872 and 1873, derived from returns made directly to the office of the association by the makers, and by our regular correspondents. This exhibit is the most complete of the kind that has ever been given to the country, and its preparation alone has cost the association thousands of dollars. We briefly summarize the leading facts set forth in the detailed statements which follow, premising them by remarking that our tables do not include abandoned furnaces:

Whole No. of stacks December 31, 1871..... 571  
Whole No. of stacks built in 1872..... 41  
Whole No. of stacks December 31, 1872..... 612  
Whole No. of stacks built in 1873..... 30  
Whole No. of stacks December 31, 1873..... 642  
Whole No. of stacks built in 1874..... 410  
Whole No. of stacks completed in first 6 months of 1874..... 252  
Whole No. of finished stacks July 1, 1874..... 11  
Whole No. of stacks building July 1, 1874..... 673  
Whole No. of stacks projected July 1, 1874..... 51  
Total production in 1872, tons of 2000 lbs..... 2,854,558  
Total production in 1873, tons of 2000 lbs..... 2,868,276  
Estimated annual capacity of all finished stacks, net tons..... 4,500,000  
No. of States having furnaces..... 25  
No. of States making pig iron in 1872..... 21  
No. of States making pig iron in 1873..... 21  
No. of States making pig iron in 1874..... 21

**PRODUCTION—1872 AND 1873.**

	1872.	1873.	No. of stacks in blast Jan. 1, 1874.	No. of stacks built in 1874.	No. of stacks built in 1873.	Whole No. of stacks in 1872.	Whole No. of stacks in 1873.	Whole No. of stacks July 1, 1874.	No. of stacks building in 1874.	No. of stacks projected in 1874.	Make in 1872—Tons of 2000 lbs.	Make in 1873—Tons of 2000 lbs.	Make in 1874—Tons of 2000 lbs.
Channeled	310	380	6	32	302	304	308	310	19	19	500,383	514,720	514,720
Bilblomous coal and coke	83	20	13	14	167	168	169	170	36	36	946,918	968,300	968,300
Anthracite coal and coke	135	13	18	13	131	134	136	137	20	20	1,309,812	1,312,754	1,312,754
Bituminous coal and coke	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	37,346	41,004	41,004
Cast iron	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	224	200	200
Charcoal and bituminous coal	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2,400	2,400	2,400
Total	540	410	30	81	612	612	612	612	61	61	2,854,558	2,868,276	2,868,276

There never having been any record kept of the quantity of pig iron on hand and unsold in this country from year to year, it is obviously impossible to ascertain accurately the consumption of pig iron in any given year, but a very close approximation can be made by adding the production in that year to the quantity imported. Observing this method, we have the following results for 1872 and 1873:

Home production of pig iron in 1872, net tons..... 2,854,558  
Pig iron imported in 1872, net tons..... 95,967  
Total consumption of pig iron in 1872, net tons..... 2,950,525  
Home production of pig iron in 1873, net tons..... 2,868,276  
Pig iron imported in 1873, net tons..... 154,758  
Total consumption of pig iron in 1873, net tons..... 3,023,038

The value of the pig iron product for any year can be approximately ascertained by multiplying the average market value throughout the year of each kind of iron by the year's product, and adding the results thus obtained. In this manner we have carefully calculated the value of the pig iron manufactured in this country during the years 1872 and 1873, and find it to be as follows:

Value of 2,854,558 net tons of pig iron produced in 1872..... \$132,649,021  
Value of 2,868,276 net tons of pig iron produced in 1873..... 118,943,308

Returns received at this office of the production of pig iron in the United States in 1874 indicate that it aggregated about 1,900,000 net tons, or two-thirds the product of each of the years 1872 and 1873. We have elsewhere estimated the quantity of pig iron unsold at the close of 1874 at 450,000 net tons.

**PRODUCTION OF RAILS IN THE UNITED STATES.**  
Eighteen States made rails in 1873. Of the mills which produced the rails, 56 made heavy sections mainly, and of these 7 made Bessemer and iron rails, and 1 made Bessemer rails exclusively. Twenty-eight mills made only light rails of all kinds in 1873 was 84, of which Pennsylvania contained 25; Ohio, 17; New York, 7; Illinois, 7; Indiana, 4; Kentucky, 4; Tennessee, 3; Massachusetts, Maryland and Georgia, each 2; and Maine, Vermont, New Jersey, West Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri and California, each 1. For the first time in their history, Vermont and California entered the list in 1873 as producers of rails—Vermont re-rolling at her St. Albans Works 5554 tons of old rails and rolling 534 tons of new steel headed rails, and California, at her Pacific Rolling Mill, rolling 475 tons of new light and street rails. Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois and New

York are first in the production of rails in 1873, as they were in 1872. The decline in the aggregate production of 1873 as compared with 1872 is due to the pause in the autumn of the year. If it had not occurred, the output of rails in 1873 would undoubtedly have classification by States of the character of the rail product of 1873—in net tons:

**IRON BRIDGES.**

The building of iron bridges has received an immense impetus in the United States during the past few years, and the business takes high rank among the important adjuncts of the iron industry. Their durability, cheapness, inde-

## THE IRON AGE.

structibility by fire, and the facility with which they may be placed either across wide rivers or narrow streams are qualities which are now everywhere recognized. Most of our railway bridges are now built of iron, and most of our great rivers are now spanned by them.

During the year 1874 there have been completed in this country, among many others, two notable iron bridges, each crossing an important river and leading out of a great city. The bridge over the Mississippi at St. Louis takes rank among the great bridges of the world as a marvel of engineering boldness, mechanical fitness and completeness of all its details and the rapidity of its construction.

The manufacture of iron bridges for shipment to Canada and South America now forms a part of our export trade—the simplicity, excellence and cheapness of American iron bridges winning for them a market which foreign bridge builders have in vain sought to control.

**PRODUCTION OF BESSEMER STEEL.**  
The production of Bessemer steel in the United States since 1867 has been as follows, in tons of 2000 pounds:

1867..... 3,000  
1868..... 8,500  
1869..... 12,000  
1870..... 40,000  
Up to and including 1872 about 85 per cent. of the steel produced seems to have been made into rails, but in 1873 and 1874 a much larger proportion passed into other forms. Our re-

tail to 83, for in that year we made 129,015 net tons of rails, and produced 157,000 net tons of steel. In 1874 the product of steel is carefully estimated to have been 175,000 net tons. Our use of Bessemer steel in 1874 for purposes other than rails more than kept pace with the progress made in this direction in 1873, and hence we have elsewhere estimated the rail more than three-fourths of the tonnage of steel produced.

The uses to which Bessemer steel is being applied in this country other than in the manufacture of rails are numerous and important. It is made into wagon tires, crowsbars, railroad tools, wood screws, wire, wagon and car springs, and augers are made from it in large quantities. It is also largely used in the manufacture of agricultural implements and the Hamilton car wheel. In Europe Bessemer steel is also coming largely into use as a substitute for other kinds of steel.

As has already been remarked, there are eight Bessemer steel and steel rail establishments in this country which are now in operation, and two others are being built. The last of the completed establishments to go into operation was that of the Bethlehem Iron Company, which made its first blow on Saturday, October 11, 1873. The two Bessemer works now being built are those of the Edgar Thomson Steel Company, Limited, near Pittsburgh, and Iron and Coal Company, at Scranton, in process of erection. The total annual capacity of the eight completed establishments is fully 250,000 net tons of steel.

**PRODUCTION OF STEEL OTHER THAN BESSEMER.**  
The statistics of the production of steel in this country in other than census years have always been difficult to obtain. A statement has been authorized by the steel manufacturers themselves, and this statement we append in the form in which we have received it:

Year.	1867.	1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.
Best Cast Steel, Net Tons.	1,118	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Average Price, Cents.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Crucible Steel, Net Tons.	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111
Average Price, Cents.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Total Crucible Steel, Tons.	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111
Average Price, Cents.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
German Steel, Net Tons.	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111
Average Price, Cents.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Total Crucible and German Steel, Tons.	12,222	12,222	12,222	12,222	12,222	12,222	12,222	12,222

The phrases "cast steel" and "crucible steel" in the table embrace steel made by the Martin process, and the phrase "German steel" embraces blister steel. Puddled steel is not included in the table.

By a careful study of the statistics of steel production obtained by this Association for a number of years, we reach conclusions somewhat at variance with those given in the above table. These conclusions are embodied in the following summary of total production of all kinds of steel except Bessemer:

It is only necessary that we should add that the productive capacity of the steel works of the country is equal to all home requirements. We do not need to import a pound of steel for any purpose whatever.

**PRODUCTION OF ROLLED IRON, BLOOMS AND NAILS IN 1873.**

Below we present a table containing the statistics in detail of the production of all rolled

iron, blooms and nails in 1873. The preparation of this table has been a work of much labor, but we have the satisfaction of being able to assure our readers that it is correct in every particular. It includes all varieties of rolled iron, and excludes all kinds of hammered iron whatever, except blooms made by forges and bloomaries. The rolled iron embraces bar, band, hoop, plate, sheet, angle, girder, beam, boat, guide, rod and bridge iron and rolled axles. All forged iron, such as anchors, anvils, hammered axles, cranks, ships' knees, etc., is carefully excluded, because it is impossible to learn the whole amount of iron hammered or forged in the vast number of machine shops, locomotive works, marine engine works, anchor works, and similar establishments of the country.

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Best Cast Steel, Net Tons.	1,118	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Average Price, Cents.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Crucible Steel, Net Tons.	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111
Average Price, Cents.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
Total Crucible Steel, Tons.	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111
Average Price, Cents.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
German Steel, Net Tons.	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111	6,111
Average Price, Cents.	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2	11 1/2
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**PRODUCTION OF ROLLED IRON, BLOOMS AND NAILS IN 1873.**

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iron, blooms and nails in 1873. The preparation of this table has been a work of much labor, but we have the satisfaction of being able to assure our readers that it is correct in every particular. It includes all varieties of rolled iron, and excludes all kinds of hammered iron whatever, except blooms made by forges and bloomaries. The rolled iron embraces bar, band, hoop, plate, sheet, angle, girder, beam, boat, guide, rod and bridge iron and rolled axles. All forged iron, such as anchors, anvils, hammered axles, cranks, ships' knees, etc., is carefully excluded, because it is impossible to learn the whole amount of iron hammered or forged in the vast number of machine shops, locomotive works, marine engine works, anchor works, and similar establishments of the country.

The manufacture of iron bridges for shipment to Canada and South America now forms a part of our export trade—the simplicity, excellence and cheapness of American iron bridges winning for them a market which foreign bridge builders have in vain sought to control.

**PRODUCTION OF BESSEMER STEEL.**  
The production of Bessemer steel in the United States since 1867 has been as follows, in tons of 2000 pounds:

1867..... 3,000  
1868..... 8,500  
1869..... 12,000  
1870..... 40,000  
Up to and including 1872 about 85 per cent. of the steel produced seems to have been made into rails, but in 1873 and 1874 a much larger proportion passed into other forms. Our re-

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## Seven Metals.

In the discovery of metals men first asserted their mastery over nature. Yet the discovery is still progressing. Before the fifteenth century only seven were positively known. They were each held sacred among the ancients to some ruling deity. Gold—indestructible, malleable, the richest in coloring, the most precious of decorations—was consecrated to Jupiter, or the sun, and had already assumed the supremacy which it has never lost.

It was coined into the heavy darins of Persia and the aureus of imperial Rome. It was used to gild temples and statues, was wrought into rich jewelry and woven in delicate threads that enlivened the flowered stuffs of Babylon. Gold mines and gold-bearing streams were found in Arabia, Syria, Greece, Italy and Spain, and the pursuit of the precious metal was carried on with various success by throngs of miners. The richest mines, at least in later ages, were those of Spain, and the enormous productiveness of the Spanish soil was slowly exhausted by the successive labors of the Carthaginians and the Romans. So successful was their industry that but little gold or silver can now be found in a territory where the precious metal once lay scattered in a boundless profusion on the surface of the earth.

Silver ranked next to gold, and was named from the soft light of the moon. The richest silver mines were those of Spain. It was wrought into cups, vases and lamps; adorned the helmets and shields of warriors, and formed the costly mirrors with which the Roman ladies shocked the austerity of Lactantius or Jerome. The beautiful silver coins of the Greek and Roman cities fill modern collections. Five other metals—iron, copper, mercury, lead and tin—were employed by the ancients for various purposes; they made steel by a rude process, and brass without discovering zinc.

For many ages no addition was made to the sacred seven. Three thousand years passed away before it was suspected that the number could be increased—a memorable example of the slowness of human apprehension. At length, in 1490, antimony was added to the metallic family; and not far off from the period of the discovery of the New World, the chemists were about to enter upon fresh fields of science scarcely less boundless or inviting.

A second metal, bismuth, came in almost with the Reformation. Zinc, perhaps the most important of the new family, may have preceded the others. It was certainly described long before. It is, indeed, quite curious to note how the bright metal had been constantly forcing itself upon the attention of careful observers, and had been wholly overlooked; had been used by the ancients, in the form of an earth to color copper into brass, and give it a shining surface like gold; was seen dropping from the furnaces of the Middle Ages, or melted in rich flakes from their walls.

Two magicians, or philosophers, at last detected the error of the ages; and Albertus Magnus and Paracelsus probably both discovered that zinc was as indestructible and free from foreign substances as gold. It seemed a pure element. Paracelsus, who was fond of penetrating to the source of things, admits that he could not tell how the bright metal grew; nor in the height of their magic renown was it ever foreseen that the rare substance the sorcerers had discovered would one day shed knowledge, in tongues of fire, from London to Japan.

Two centuries followed, during which no metallic substance was discovered. Paracelsus found no successor; Albertus, almost the first man of science in Europe, was remembered to be a sorcerer. It was not until 1733 that the vast field of metallic discovery began to open upon man; two valuable and well known metals—platinum and nickel—among several others, first appeared about the middle of the eighteenth century. The number of the metals now rapidly enlarged, galvanism lent its aid to dissolve the hardest earths; and at length, in the opening of the nineteenth century, a cluster of brilliant discoveries aroused the curiosity of science.

Each eminent philosopher seemed to produce new metals. Berzelius discovered three; Davy, Paracelsus of his age, is the scientific parent of five—potassium, sodium, barium, strontium, calcium. The number advanced, until already more than fifty metals, of various importance, have been given to the arts. The new experiments in light have added cesium and rubidium, and no limit can now be fixed for the metallic family, which, for so many ages, embraced only seven members, the emblems of the ruling gods.

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## Wanted.

A situation as bookkeeper or cashier of an iron works, a hardware business, or in the coal trade, which the advertiser understands in all its branches. Highest references of character, capacity, &c.  
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By an experienced man who has a large acquaintance with the wholesale and retail hardware and house furnishing merchants throughout the West, a position as traveling salesman. Can furnish good city references. Address, P. A. C.,  
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First Spring Trade Sale  
Hardware, Cutlery, &c.,  
For 1875.

Messrs. Bissell, Welles & Millet, Auctioneers, will hold on  
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, Feb. 23d and 24th,  
At their new salesroom, No. 15 Murray Street, near Broadway, a large and attractive sale of

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To which the attention of buyers is invited.  
This sale will embrace about 2000 lots of desirable goods, and will comprise a large assortment of all the various kinds of Hardware, Cutlery, &c.  
Out of town buyers can have their goods packed & shipped from store.  
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Wanted in exchange for 300 tons No. 1 Wrought Scrap Iron.

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STERLING  
IRON & RAILWAY CO.,  
STERLING  
ANTHRACITE PIG IRON  
FOR FORGE AND FOUNDRY USE.  
MAGNETIC IRON ORE  
FOR BLAST AND PUDDLING FURNACES.

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Solid and Homogeneous, guaranteed to stand a Tensile strain of 25 tons per square inch, in an invulnerable tube for expensive WROUGHT IRON FORGINGS or for Iron Castings, where great strength is required. Office, cor. 7th and Leavitt Sts., PHILADELPHIA.  
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Charcoal Blast Furnaces.  
Having during the past 10 years constructed and put in operation a number of the most successful Charcoal Blast Furnaces in the country, and having a competent corps of workmen constantly in my employ, I am enabled to offer advantages in constructing or remodeling upon the latest and most approved plans.  
Examinations of Furnace Property made and reported upon when solicited. Correspondence promptly attended to.  
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Dealers in

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FOR SALE in the best business part of Jersey City, a first-class Tool and Hardware business. Established about 25 years, and doing a fair business.  
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A firm with facilities and extended trade connections desirous to manufacture new articles, staple hardware preferred, of wood or iron. Drop forgers a specialty. Address, with full particulars,  
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## A PARTNER WANTED

by the 1st of January, 1875, in an established Hardware business, who can put in from \$20,000 to \$30,000, either cash, or stock suitable for jobbing trade.  
For particulars, address, B.,  
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The firm of H. A. ROGERS & CO. (consisting of H. A. ROGERS and W. C. DUYCKINCK) is this day dissolved. The affairs of said firm will be exclusively liquidated and adjusted by W. C. DUYCKINCK, at the old store 50 and 52 John St. New York, January 18, 1875.

The subscriber will continue to conduct the business of importing, manufacturing and dealing in every variety of Railway, Machinery and Engineers' Supplies at the old store, 50 and 52 John St., New York. New price list now in press.  
W. C. DUYCKINCK.

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By a young man who has had three years' experience in a Wholesale and Retail Hardware Store, and has traveled one year, a permanent situation as traveling salesman for a manufacturing Hardware or Cutlery Co. Present engagement expires April 1. First-class reference given. Address  
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330 Delancy St., New York.

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The Foundry Buildings, which are of a capacity to employ forty or more molders, are very conveniently located upon navigable tide water on one side, and the Pennsylvania Railroad, with its freight station in front, being on the direct line between New York and Philadelphia.

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Address, for terms or other particulars,  
CARBON STOVE CO., Burlington, N. J.

FOR SALE.—The Factory occupied by the undersigned as a saw manufactory. It consists of a two-story Brick Building, 30 by 50 feet, brick boiler and engine room 16 by 31 feet, 15 horse engine and boiler, with every convenience and in excellent order, with a frontage of 50 feet on Broad St.; also, on same land, with a frontage of 12 feet on Canal St., one two story and basement frame Dwelling House, in good order. There is a very good supply of excellent water, and it is very conveniently situated, only five minutes walk from the ferry landing at Stapleton. The whole will be sold reasonably and on easy terms. Apply to or address,  
J. & A. F. SIDDALL, Stapleton, Staten Island, N. Y.



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FOR SALE,  
About 20,000 pounds of Patent Rolled Hexagon Nuts, reamed and chamfered for Bolts from 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 in. diameter, at a very low price.

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PUBLIC SALE  
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In Augusta County, Virginia.

The undersigned Commissioners, in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Augusta county, Virginia, in three Chancery causes (brought on to be heard together), in which Denmead & Son, Raymond & Campbell, and Eyer, Cooper & Co., are respectively Plaintiffs, and the Buffalo Gap Iron and Steel Company and others, Defendants, will sell at public auction, on

Wednesday, the 3d day of March, 1875,  
at BUFFALO GAP, in the aforesaid county, all the

## REAL ESTATE

above named company. Said Real Estate embraces a tract of

## MINERAL LAND,

containing about 1450 acres, with TWO VALUABLE IRON FURNACES thereon; and a FARM of about 400 acres. These two parcels of Land will be sold separately.

The Mineral tract lies in and around a depression in the North Mountain range, through which the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad passes, known as Buffalo Gap. The veins of ore on this land have been but partially developed, owing to the fact that the Furnace heretofore operated on it was plentifully supplied with wood ore from the neighborhood, delivered at the furnace, at an average price of \$2.50 per ton.

Competent mineralogists and miners, who have examined the openings made on the property, express the opinion that ore exists on it in very large quantities.

There are quarries of good limestone on the land; and much of it is well timbered.

## THE FURNACES

are immediately on the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad, in the first Iron Region of Virginia, and about 150 miles from the Coal Fields of West Virginia, which are traversed by said road. They are ten miles west of Stanton and 147 miles west of Richmond.

FURNACE No. 1 has been in blast for several years, and has operated successfully. It is entirely new, not quite complete; but the materials for its completion are on hand and the work can be done in a few days.

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## THE FARM

heretofore mentioned adjoins the tract of Mineral land. It is well watered and timbered; and is very productive. Improvements consist of a large BRICK BUILDING, Grist Mill, Saw Mill, Tenant's Houses, a large Barn, and all the other out buildings usually found on a good farm in the Valley of Virginia.

Parties proposing to buy are invited to examine the aforesaid property before the day of sale. Mr. John Tierney, who is in charge of the furnaces at Buffalo Gap, will take pleasure in showing the property; and the undersigned Commissioners, who may be addressed at Stanton, Va., will take pleasure in answering inquiries concerning the same.

At the same time and place will be sold whatever PERSONAL PROPERTY the Buffalo Gap Iron and Steel Company may have on their premises at Buffalo Gap.

Terms on which aforesaid property will be sold are as follows: Ten per cent of the purchase money will be required in cash, 15 per cent. in four months, and the balance in three equal annual installments from the day of sale, with interest from the last named day. For all deferred installments of purchase money, the purchaser will be required to give bonds with approved personal security, and the title will be withheld as ultimate security.

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THOS. C. ELDER,  
Commissioners of Sale.

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At Lowest Manufacturers' Rates,  
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A good complete stock, doing a cash business, situated in a thriving town in Central Ohio, at the crossing of two important railroads. Will sell part cash, balance on good time. Address, A. & F.,  
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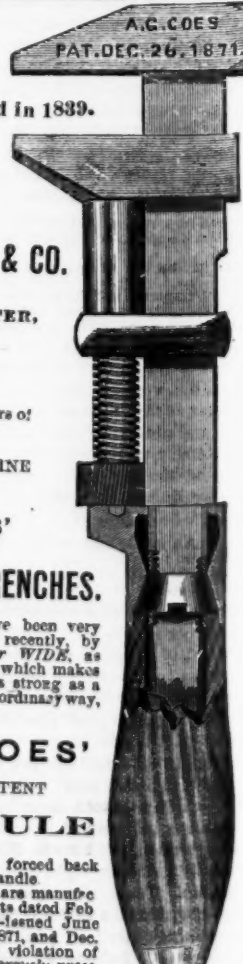
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Summing up all that precedes, it would seem that lead mining, both in England and the United States, proceeds satisfactorily, although general production in the former country has been seriously on the decline since 1863, while we are as rapidly expanding. That while (as we have shown in an article dated January 21, 1875) England has drawn as much as 524,307 ozs. silver from 73,500 tons of lead ore in 1873, against but 561,906 ozs. from 99,330 tons in 1855, desilverizing has in this country given the following result, as sketched by our informant: "Out of about twenty desilverizing establishments in the United States we note six commercial failures in 1874, beside the fact that two others have stopped work, and still two more are offered for sale. The percentage, therefore, of refining and desilverizing works that have apparently found it to be a non-paying business is nearly one-half."

The articles that have been written in these columns on "technical education," will be about the best answer by way of comment to the weighty reflections contained in the lead review we have cited from. Until the business of lead refining be conducted with an adequate capital, and with the most thorough experience and knowledge, the general result will be as disastrous in the future as it is in the present. This is all the more to be regretted, since it is shown beyond peradventure that the future which awaits us in this lead branch is comparatively as great and brilliant as that in any other from among the many mineral resources in which our country abounds.

#### The Mineral Wealth of the Shenandoah.

A correspondent of the Reading Times says: If we carefully examine into the great mineral resources of this country, represented largely in the Allegheny coal field, running from Pennsylvania to Alabama, there will be found much to interest alike the capitalist and workingman. This coal field contains an area of 55,000 square miles, and over one thousand billion tons that have proved to be the best for iron manufacturing purposes in the known world.

The hundreds of millions of tons of coal that have already been mined also plainly indicate that the cost of mining in this region amounts to about one-third the cost of mining in the coal districts of Great Britain.

The present price of Allegheny coal at any point from which it can be transported, either in this State, Maryland or West Virginia, is \$1 per ton on cars at the mines, while those in the principal coal districts of Great Britain cost from 10/ to 12/ English money.

The great Southern iron belt also forms into line in Virginia, and then courses into a southeastern direction from Virginia to Alabama, equal in magnitude to the Allegheny coal field, and both running parallel for hundreds of miles.

The cost of mining the iron ore in this valuable range is less than the cost of mining the Allegheny coal, which runs in close proximity, as already stated, and the numerous mines opened to supply the charcoal furnaces extending along this great range of ore will plainly show these facts, as well as how the hundreds of billions of tons yet in store, can be mined with the same amount of labor.

The cost of the ores in the iron districts of England is quoted at from 18/ to 20/ per ton, which is from four to five times as much as the cost of ore from the great iron belt of this country.

The difference in price of coal and iron ores between these two great mineral regions plainly indicates that the great advantage, with our cheap mineral, over that of England amounts to more than the actual cost of converting these materials into bar or railroad iron. The difference in the cost of coal and ore between this country and Great Britain is undisputed, and the American people can ask for no better evidence than an examination of the statements on record in the several mining districts of either country will reveal.

The ablest American mining engineers who have from time to time made explorations along this coal and iron belt, testify to the wonderful mineral wealth and resources of that region, as being beyond the scope of human vision to contemplate.

The results associated with these millions, the industrial facilities, the wealth and power and influence at home and abroad which they must inevitably confer upon the future inhabitants of this country are acknowledged, and of these facts neither the government nor the iron masters can plead ignorance. The reason why this great mineral range has been so long neglected and uncared for, and the lands valued by their owners as little better than waste land, is because of the want of transportation facilities.

This vast range of minerals runs its course within 250 miles of the city of Reading, placing within our grasp the means to establish additional industries, and keep permanently employed the hundreds and thousands who are now out of work, and have no means for the support of their families. It is hoped that the people of this vicinity, and the State at large, will hereafter more carefully inquire into this locality, where we can defy competition from all parts of the world; and encourage the establishment of the many industries which must of necessity grow up around us, and some day form a continuous line of manufacturing from Reading to Philadelphia.

#### Iron and the Smith.

Generally the discovery of iron is understood to have been long posterior to that of bronze. While it is as yet impossible to affix exact chronological dates to the first introduction of any of the elder metals into the service of man, it is ascertained, beyond reasonable doubt, that the employment of gold was earlier than that of bronze, and that the manufacture of bronze preceded that of iron. Silver is interposed (perhaps in the first instance by the poets) between gold and bronze; but of the justice of that attribution it is difficult to form an opinion. It is, however, easy to understand that metal which is found in a virgin state, as in the case of gold, would more readily yield its resources to human industry than metal found only in a state of ore. But even here we must speak with some reserve, as we are aware of the actual existence, although rare, of tolerably pure virgin iron, in the form of meteoric deposit, while we are unable to cite an instance of virgin bronze.

But while we cannot reduce the date of the earliest work of the smith to historic time, there is no reason to doubt the sequence of the various metals, in so far as they were known to or used by man. It is rather the philosophical than the historical or chronological date which we thus attain; but that is ample for our present need. At a distance of time which is uncertain, but which is to be measured by millenniums, rather than by centuries, and which may differ widely in different regions of the earth, the earliest inhabitants of our planet who have left any indications of their flinty to ourselves carved rude implements of stone, horn and bone. Almost as early as any marks of industry of this nature are the relics of a contemporary art. Man began to ornament, so far as we can tell, as soon as he began to work. With the lapse of time, the rude flakes of flint, or the hammers made of some hard stone, assumed greater elegance of form and delicacy of finish. During the period which has been termed the neolithic age of civilization, bronze first made its appearance. Late in the bronze period, and, comparatively speaking, late in the historic period, we are accustomed to place the discovery of iron, to locate it in Crete, and to attribute it to the Idræan Dætyl.

Pliny, in his Natural History, says: "Of all metals the veins of iron are most abundant." The metal is mentioned, under its Greek name *sideron*, by Thucydides, Euripides, and Æschylus, as well as by Xenophon. The earliest note of the word occurs in the Book of Genesis (iv. 22) where Tubal Cain is mentioned as the instructor of every artificer in brass (or rather bronze) and iron. The word here used, which is also translated iron where it occurs in the Book of Ezekiel, is *barzel*, which is derived from an Aramaic root meaning to pierce. Another word, *paldah*, cognate forms of which also occur in Arabic and in Syriac, is used by the prophet Nahum (ii. 4), and is explained by Gesenius to mean steel. It comes from a root meaning to cut. The Hebrew *barzel* appears as *barzel* in the Book of Daniel. It is difficult to identify either of these words with the Greek form, although that is originally allied to both the Latin *ferrum* and the English iron. We are, however, relieved from any doubt as to whether iron was known in the time of Moses, 3400 years ago, by the discovery of a wedge or plate of iron embedded in the masonry of the Great Pyramid itself.

This instructive relic, like the half-fused magnifying lens found at Pompeii, throws much light on questions of early workmanship. It has been a great puzzle to those who attributed the first use of iron to a date not much more than 2000 years back, how such sharp and well-defined hieroglyphics could have been cut, by the ancient Egyptians, on porphyry, granite, and the hardest stone. It may, indeed, be the case that, when bronze was the ordinary material for tools, the copper smith had some secret as to the production of a very hard temper, now lost. But this is at best only a guess. From the certain proof that iron had been produced and wrought in the age of King Cheops, 5400 years ago, we can better understand how the innumerable and exquisitely sunk symbols and figures were wrought on tombs, temples, sarcophagi. And more than that, from the great similarity in the mode of treatment, that prevailed from the time of the Ptolemies back to the very earliest known Egyptian inscriptions, we have something closely approaching a proof of the use of iron as far back as the fifth Egyptian dynasty, if not in the time of Menes himself; that is to say, 6300 years ago.

From that earliest use—date it when we may—the art of the founder and of the smith has advanced, with enormous strides, to our own times. If we distinguish the manufacture from the fabrication of iron—that is to say, if we draw a line between metallurgy and smith's work—there may be some reason for the opinion that, while the former is still in a state of rapid progress, the latter has passed its zenith. We are not about absolutely to insist on this point. Of the truth of the former position there can be no doubt. We must explain what leads us to entertain a suspicion as to the latter.

The great mechanical characteristic of the present age is the substitution of steam-power for manual labor. The signal for this enormous change—a change which, it is not too much to say, is tending entirely to revolutionize the relations of mankind to the world on which they dwell—was given by the genius of Watt. Our own eyes have witnessed, our own hands have labored at, step after step, the mighty transformation. We can remember when, on one occasion, on the completion of a locomotive engine by Mr. Stephenson, steam was got up, and the machine, though well up to its duty on the rails, was unable to propel itself over the floor of the factory. The inference drawn, and not unnaturally, by the first

engineers of the day was, that it was pure loss of time to turn attention to the propulsion of steam engines on the common roads. This was hardly a third of a century ago, and what do we now see? At almost every county bridge, in some districts, at least of England, a notice is affixed that the arch will not bear the weight of a traction engine. Who has not seen these uncouth giants tracking their heavy and resistless course over the country, training behind them wagons and quaintly shaped machines for scaring and torturing the face of the earth, with apparent indifference to their number or their weight. Two very simple improvements have overcome the impossibility imagined by Mr. Stephenson. One of these is the old mechanical method of reduction of speed by cog work. The piston travels at the speed which best suits the evaporative power of the boiler. The driving wheel revolves at the slow pace fitted for progress over the road. This slow, irresistible progress is rendered possible by the great breadth of the wheels, and by the oblique grooving recently introduced on their circumference.

What has been done in the locomotive, from the express engines of Mr. Brunel, able to take a train over the low gradients of the Great Western Railway at the rate of 70 miles an hour, to the slow but mighty traction engines, and the self-moving agricultural engines of today, is going on in every department of the work of the smith and the fitter. Machines, not indeed endowed with intelligence, but unerring in their discharge of duty, and themselves the offspring of the noblest mechanical intelligence, now deal with iron almost as a swallow deals with mud. They forge, roll, hammer, plane, punch and drill. They turn out hammered or pressed iron, untouched by the hammer of the smith, in every form; from the gun that weighs 35 tons to the hairspring of a watch. Hardly any tool can be named which is not produced, or likely to be produced, more readily, accurately and cheaply, by machinery than by hand. But this great facility does not tend to improve the handwork of the smith.

If we contrast this state of things with that which prevailed three hundred years ago, we shall see that against all our gain—and we are among the last to under value it—we have to set off a certain loss. The highest skill displayed in the work of the smith was found in the craft of the armorer. To that craft a fatal blow was given by the tilting lance of De Montgomeri, when, in curious coincidence with the prophecy of Nostradamus, it entered the helmet of Henry II. of France. Three influences thus combined, let, within a couple of generations, to the disuse of armor, and thus to the extinction of the most skillful, workmanlike, and artistic employment of the smith. These were the death of the King of France, which was too serious a matter to result without producing a powerful effect upon the amusement of the tourney; the increasing excellence of gunpowder and guns, and the reign of a female Sovereign in England. When we look at the armor of the time; when we note that the tilting armor, which, by the introduction of the pauldron and other devices had lost its symmetry, attained the weight of a 100 pounds avoirdupois; when we observe the exquisite delicacy with which the Milanese armorers wrought the mail that was like steel gossamer, or the scale or folding plate that fitted the limbs like the carapace of a lobster—we may well be of opinion that few smiths of the 19th century can hold a candle to their ancestors of the 16th.

Connected with the extreme care that was given to the fabrication of defensive armor, was that bestowed upon offensive weapons. The fame of two descriptions of sword blades has been established since the Middle Ages, and even since the crusades. One of these is the Toledo rapier, a long, straight sword, the undoubted excellence of which must, we believe, be chiefly attributed to the original quality of the ore employed by the makers. The other was the Damascus sabre, or scimitar, a curved blade, of such exquisite temper that, when handled by a master of that description of fence, it could cut in two with equal ease a floating scarf of gauze or silk, or the neck of a horse, or of his rider. The excellence of the Damascus blades we are disposed to attribute rather to the skill and patience of the smith, or at least of the maker of the iron, than to the original quality of the metal. For it is to the repeated working up of scraps, and rusty scraps, of iron that the beautiful mottling of the Damascus blades is due. It seems to us not improbable that these numerous welds, none of which are so perfect as to have been obliterated under the hammer, act like the teeth of a very fine saw, and thus cut with a keenness unattainable by a more homogeneous and smoother edge. It should, however, be borne in mind that the difference between the iron produced from different ores is, in our present stage of metallurgical practice, extreme. There is an iron made in our North Midland counties which is so hard that it is almost impossible to break up old castings made of it. On the other hand, when the French *suisses* began to make rails, some 21 years ago, an English fitter, with a cold chisel and a hammer, could cut one of them in two in less than a quarter of an hour.

The earliest use of iron as an offensive weapon was probably in the form of arrow-head. Bright points of this nature, which are said to be a thousand years old, are preserved with great reverence in the museums of that wonderful country, Japan. It is far from improbable that meteoric iron was, in the first instance, thus employed. At all events, the purity of the metal, and the care and patience with which it was wrought, were extreme. Among the antiquities of India is to be found an iron column so large and so perfect that we

could not produce the like at the present time without the aid of steam machinery.

After the demand for the highest class of smith's work—that is to say, armor and offensive weapons intended to pierce armor—had ceased, the decorative taste of Italy, of Germany, and even of our own country, was gratified by the production of much admirable ornamental iron work. Park and garden gates tasked the skill and displayed the taste of the smith. The uniformity of a line of iron palisades was agreeably broken by flourishes and scrolls, each of which was stamped by a certain individuality. In the South Kensington Museum are to be found fine specimens of English and Roman work of this nature. Much iron work is now in rapid decay throughout the country, which it would be a good deed to rescue from destruction. We saw a beautiful specimen of this kind, not so very long ago, on a *percon* in the High street of Rochester. In other places the intelligent care of the proprietors, and the renewal of painting and of gilding, has kept the iron work of the seventeenth century as fresh as that of to-day. Such are the goodly scrolls and flourishes that adorn the Town Hall of Guilford, and decorate its great projecting clock, erected in 1681.

To the demand for this bold, permanent, and mainly kind of ornamentation a fatal blow was given by the increasing skill of the molder and of the caster. The heavy railings recently removed from the west end of St. Paul's church yard were among the first, if not the very first, in which cast was substituted for wrought iron. It is said that the enterprising contractor made much money by his ingenuity in this respect. Economy soon prescribed laws of retrenchment as to ornamental iron work; and here again, as in the case of the invention of gunpowder, the increased use of iron was made at the expense of the occupation of the smith.

The points to which attention are now chiefly directed, with regard to iron, apart from the mischievous result of ill-regulated competition in producing, for the smallest price, the largest possible quantity of inferior metal, are its reduction from the ore without the intervention of manual labor; the chemical purification of the metal, and the removal of those minute proportions of sulphur and of phosphorus which destroy its tenacity; and the production of steel or carbonized iron by simple procedures. There is, perhaps, no instance in which mechanical invention is removing a greater curse from labor than in the case of puddling iron. Those who have watched the process, or who have studied the beautiful representations of furnace work given by the graceful pencil of Moritz Retzsch, in his illustration to Schiller's "Song of the Bell," are aware of the exhausting nature of the labor undergone by the puddler. It is, we think, the hardest labor now performed by man. As involving a certain amount of experienced judgment, it is of a higher grade than that of the brick molder; but the suffering it involves from heat is far keener than that inflicted, in the latter case, by cold and damp. For did they are about on a par. It is always the case that those occupations which, from their danger or their hardship, command extra wages, have a demoralizing effect on the workman. At the same time, just in proportion to the danger, especially if there be any risk of life, it is found that any attempt at introducing an easier process is steadily and fiercely opposed by those who think that they have acquired a vested interest in their craft. The manufacturers of iron are, to a great extent, at the mercy of the puddlers; and the chief gainers by the high wages which this arduous work rightfully earns are, no doubt, the brewers. It is, therefore, in the interests of morality, of public health, and of the elevation of the workman in the social scale, no less than in that of the manufacturer and of the purchaser of iron, a source of great satisfaction to find that the experiments recently made on the mechanical puddling of iron have been so satisfactory, that it seems now to be only a question of time as to the entire disuse of the hand puddling process.

Anything which tends to make manufactured iron at once cheaper and better is a boon to the smith. It is the bad quality of common iron, rather than any inherent defect in the metal, which renders the architect often averse to the employment of smith's work, when nothing else is so truly appropriate. We must conclude that what renders one sample of iron less tenacious than another is some chemical impurity in the metal, which it is within the power of perfectly instructed metallurgical skill to remove. These admixtures are often extremely small, if measured by any test but that of the depreciation of the quality of the iron. Measured by that test, their presence assumes extreme importance. Mr. Kircaldy, by his numerous experiments, has added no small amount of positive knowledge to that which we possessed before on the actual resistance of various makes of iron, both to tension and to compression. In his "experiments on wrought iron and steel," we find the breaking weights of iron bars to range from 160,520 pounds per square inch of fractured area in the Swedish R. F. charcoal iron, to 68,883 pounds per square inch of fractured area in Russian C. C. H. D. iron, a difference not far short of three to one. In iron plates, looking at domestic production only, the breaking weight per square inch of fractured area ranges from 92,468 pounds in Yorkshire plate to 43,460 in common Scotch ship plate. This is more than two to one in favor of the Yorkshire iron. It is also a very suggestive comparison with reference to naval security.

An uncomfortable suspicion prevades the public mind—and even professional men are not altogether free from its influence—that, under some unexplained circumstances, the texture, or molecular arrangement of iron used in buildings or in machinery, undergoes a mysterious change. Fractures of axles or of

tires in railway collisions are the phenomena which have been chiefly cited as requiring this very alarming explanation. Many writers have ridiculed the idea; but ridicule is an unsatisfactory substitute for scientific analysis. It has, however, been pointed out that "the two different appearances, respectively known by the terms 'a fibrous fracture' and a 'crystalline fracture,' are produced by the iron breaking gradually in the one case, and suddenly in the other. Hence, when the appearance presented was fibrous, it only proved that the piece had been torn asunder; when it was crystalline, that it had snapped." This view, which is not a matter of theory, but the outcome of experiment, fully explains all the phenomena of fracture which have led to the idea of some unexplained structural change. It is of the first importance, to the architect as well as to the engineer, that the facts should be known. An unexplained, mysterious danger, such as would be that of such a molecular change, if it could possibly occur without ascertainable cause, is more to be dreaded than any of those casualties which it is within the power of competent science, backed by competent care, almost absolutely to preclude.

By immersing specimens of iron in dilute hydrochloric or muriatic acid, the foreign impurities are removed, and the texture of the metallic portion is exposed to examination. Long immersion in water—or at least in some water—has the same effect, as we have witnessed in the bolts of a sunken vessel that had been for some fifty years exposed to the alternate action of fresh and salt water in the river Seine. Thus treated, puddled iron, rolled or wrought iron in its lowest state, as in Scotch and Welsh puddled bars, presents a woolly appearance. In iron of a superior quality the appearance presented is that of very fine threads or hairs, lying closely together. This is remarkable in Farnley or Bowling iron, as also in Russian bar. Swedish tilted bars present, even to the naked eye, a beautiful silvery variegated appearance. Of the beautiful Styrian iron, which is so highly prized in Italy, and which was probably employed by the famous armorers of Milan, we regret that we have found no analysis or definite scientific description. It is most evident—to use a mode of expression that has recently come into favor—that there is iron and iron, no less than that there are smiths, and that there have been smiths.—London Builder.

#### Manual Labor.

The San Francisco Commercial Herald has something to say about manual labor, which ought to be widely read. We commend the following to the consideration of young men:

One of the demoralizing effects of a long and bloody civil war is to be found in the aversion to engage in pursuits which require manual labor. The rapidity with which colossal fortunes were made during and since our late terrific struggle, by men void of culture and refinement, but full of dash and venture, was so strikingly in contrast with the tedious and comparatively unsatisfactory progress of those who relied upon manual labor to achieve independence, that the latter method is come to be regarded as something to be despised and shunned. Tom Jones, the former hod-carrier, but now Thomas Jones, Esq., the millionaire, affects to regard with contempt any and all pursuits which require the exertion of corporal effort. Nothing short of the bar, the pulpit, or the counting-house is deemed suitable for his child; and Bill Smith, the carpenter, who knew Tom Jones in his days of squalor and destitution, determines that his son shall have as much opportunity to become distinguished, and the boy is instilled with the belief that nothing confers honor in this world but the possession of money. He hears it at home; sees it in the streets; learns it from his intercourse with others brought up in the same school, and even comes to realize its dominant power in churches whose congregation vie with each other to erect the most costly and sumptuous tabernacles. No thought is given to the fact that the professions in this country are altogether overstocked, and that not more than five in every hundred achieve even fair success. The splendid career of such men as Watt, Stephenson, Franklin, Morse, Burritt, Ericsson, and a hundred more of the same character, are not thought worthy of imitation now-a-days by the average Americans. He would be deemed a cruel and unnatural father—as a rule—who might presume to place his son behind a plow; to shove a foreplane, or ask him to smite the glowing iron with the massive sledge. The metal of which young hopeful is composed possesses qualities far too fine for such rough avocations. Beside, he is too delicate; he sometimes has a headache, or perhaps a slight cough. To indenture him as an apprentice is, to the American mind, too much like abandoning him to penance; and to give him a trade, or place him in any position requiring manual labor, would be to lower him in "society." It never occurs to such parents, who seem to have their veins full of the "aspiring blood of Lancaster," that they are employing the best possible method of either making vagabonds and discontented idlers of their children, or hurrying them out of this world through the doors of a lawyer's, minister's, or merchant's office. Brought up under such training, our young men seem ambitious only to get a living out of their wits, even at the expense of manliness, independence, self respect, and the fearful wear and tear of conscience. What is the result? Vast numbers of the best farms in the United States are now in possession of Germans, Irish, Swedes, Dutch, and other foreign born and bred farmers. Our workshops are filled with imported mechanics, who have brought with them certain stipulations by which our youth are ruled out from learning trades. Our shipping is largely manned by foreign sailors, and all our manufacturing establishments are little better than hives for the industrious bees of other countries. Such a condition of society is replete with evil. It can, if continued, result only in national degradation, and the destruction of that independent element which is our best safeguard.



The Shelton Company, of Birmingham, Conn., whose advertisement will be found in another column, manufacturers of tacks and small nails, &c., is one of the oldest and most respectable concerns of that important and rapidly expanding locality, having been established nearly forty years ago, and still being managed by its venerable president, Mr. E. N. Shelton, one of the richest land holders of Derby and suburbs. His son, partner in the firm, has had a most important invention of his patented quite recently—an improved paper box for tacks, &c.—the manufacture of which will be conducted by a newly established house, in which the junior Mr. Shelton is a partner, under the name and style of Cornell & Shelton, also of Birmingham.

### London Metal Market.

(From The Mining Journal.)

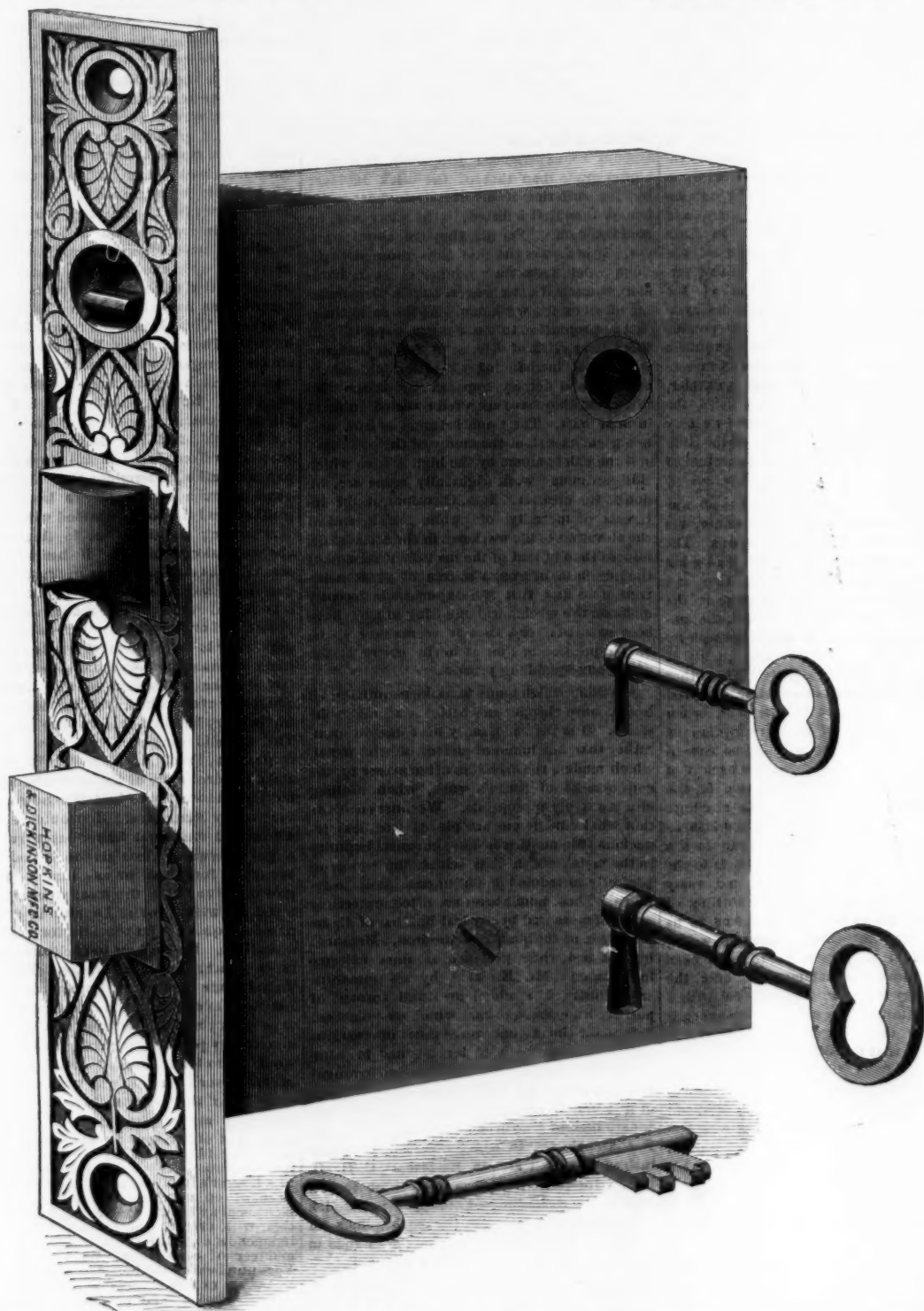
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Copper—P. ton.	98	0	0	95	0	0
Best selected.	98	0	0	95	0	0
To 100 Cakes & Ties.	98	0	0	95	0	0
Shading and Sheets.	98	0	0	95	0	0
B. 100.	101	0	0	102	0	0
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Old.	97	0	0	90	0	0
Antimonial, Wallaroo.	95	10	0	91	0	0
Other brands.	95	10	0	91	0	0
Chl. bars, g. o. b.	85	10	0	84	0	0
Wire.	85	10	0	84	0	0
Tubes.	85	10	0	84	0	0
Brass—P. ton.	0	0	95	0	0	90
Best selected.	0	0	95	0	0	90
Wire.	0	0	95	0	0	90
Tubes.	0	0	95	0	0	90
Yellow Metal Sheathing.	0	0	95	0	0	90
Sheets.	0	0	95	0	0	90
Spelter—P. ton.	25	15	0	24	15	0
Foreign on the spot.	25	15	0	24	15	0
to arrive.	25	15	0	24	15	0
Zinc—P. ton.	31	13	0	31	9	0
In Sheets.	31	13	0	31	9	0
Quicksilver—P. bottle.	24	0	0	24	0	0
Tin—P. ton.	98	0	0	99	0	0
English Blocks.	98	0	0	99	0	0
Ditto Bars (in br).	98	0	0	99	0	0
Ditto Rods.	98	0	0	99	0	0
Banca.	98	0	0	99	0	0
Strait.	98	0	0	99	0	0
Australian.	98	0	0	99	0	0
Tin Plates—P. box.	1	18	0	1	12	0
IC Charcoal.	2	4	0	2	3	0
IX.	1	16	0	2	3	0
IX.	2	2	0	2	3	0
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IX.	1	19	0	1	14	0
Canada Plates.	18	0	0	18	0	0
at works.	18	0	0	18	0	0
Iron—P. ton.	8	12	0	9	0	0
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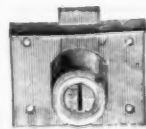
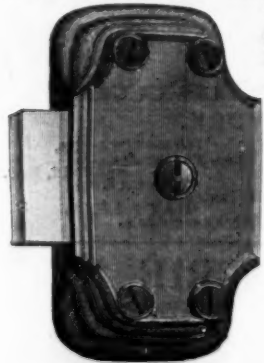
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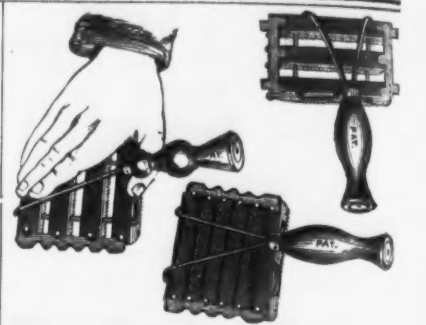
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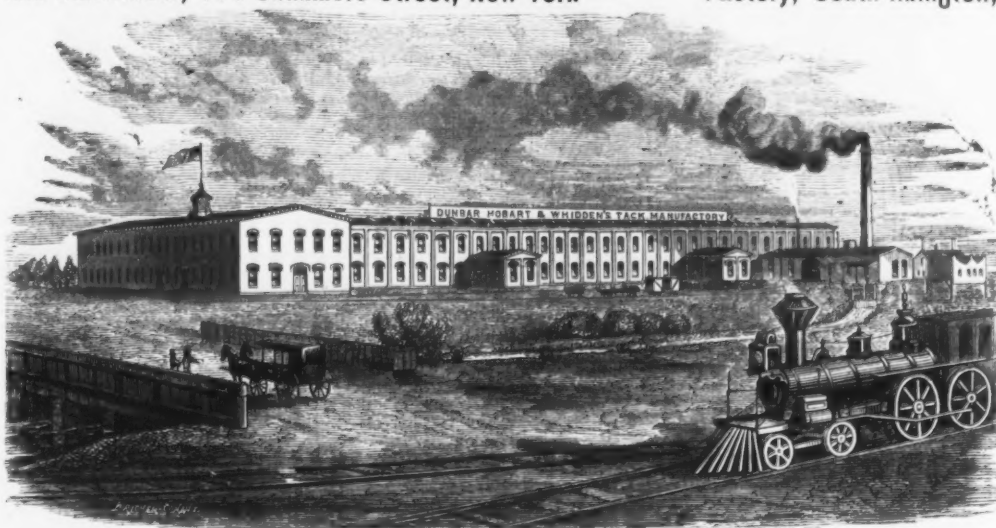
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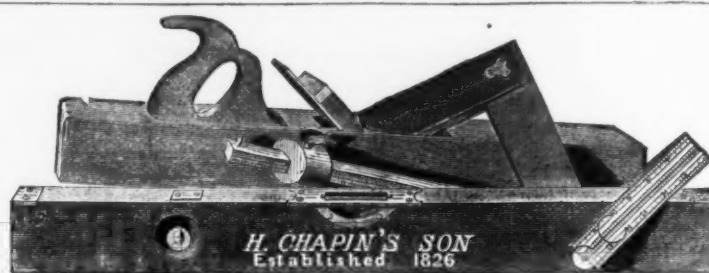
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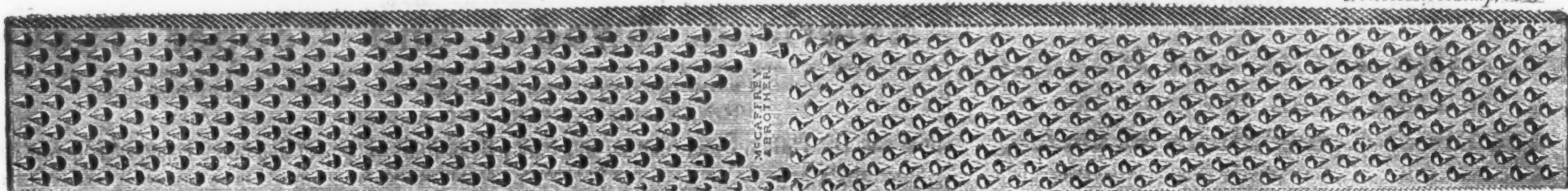
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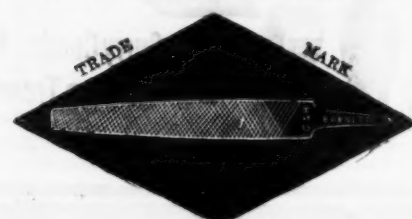
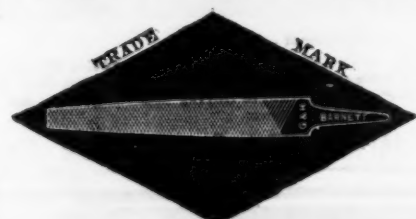
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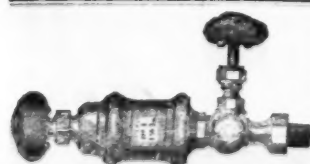
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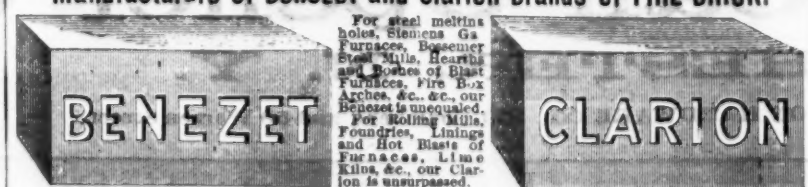
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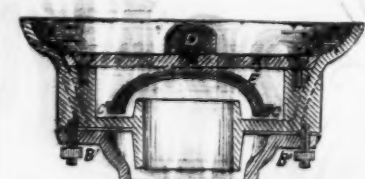
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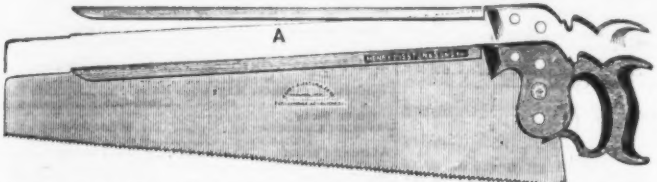
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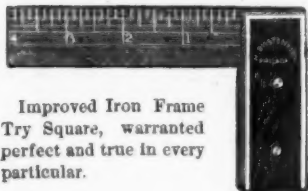
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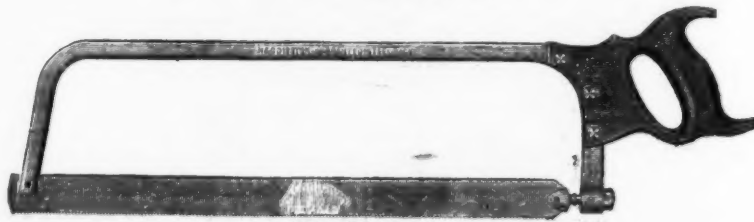
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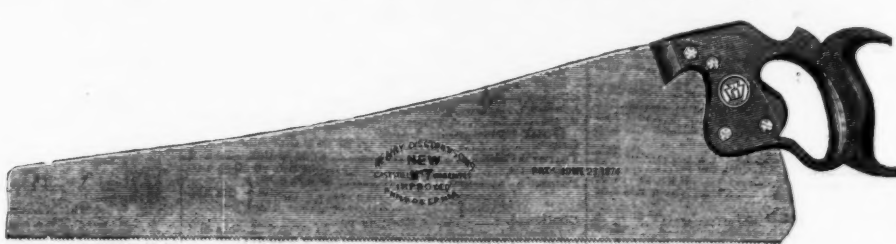
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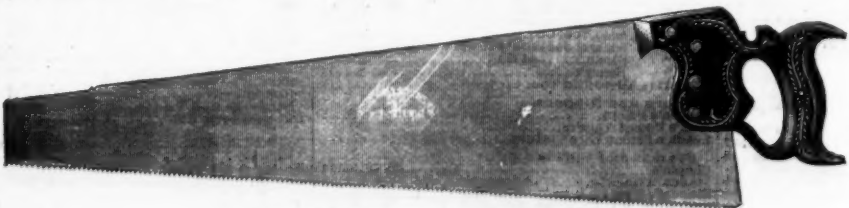
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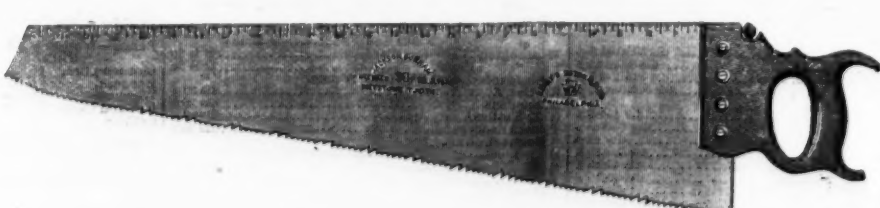
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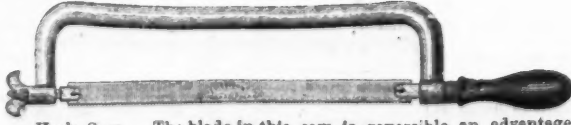
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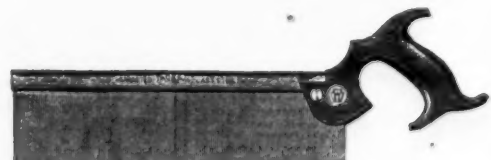
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Tarned rope..... 4 to 4½

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Imperfections, No. 1, boxed sheets	4	0
Book Stock, Mixed	3	0
Prints, No. 2, blank	2	0
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Binders, Bound Cuttings	1	0
Straw, Bound Cuttings	1	0
<b>Old Metal.</b>		
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Brass	13	14
Heavy Composition	17	11
Soft	5	5
Tea lead	5	5
Prought iron	1	1
Sheet iron	1	1
Cast iron	1	1
Machinery iron	1	1
Zinc	1	1
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No. 2	1	1
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Carmine, 40	1	1
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" Paris	1	1
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Orange Mineral	1	1
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" Indian, dry	1	1
rose Pink	1	1
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" Bleached Winter	1	1
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Lead, Pure Winter	1	1
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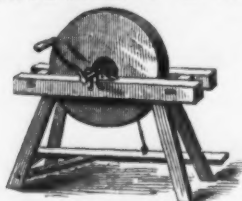
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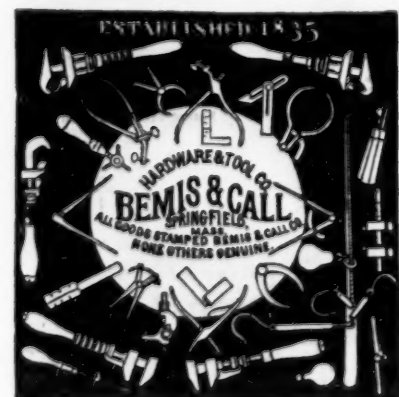
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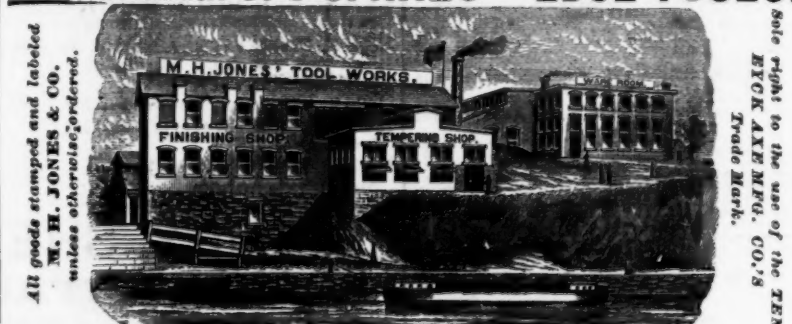
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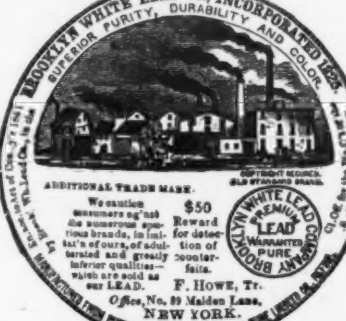


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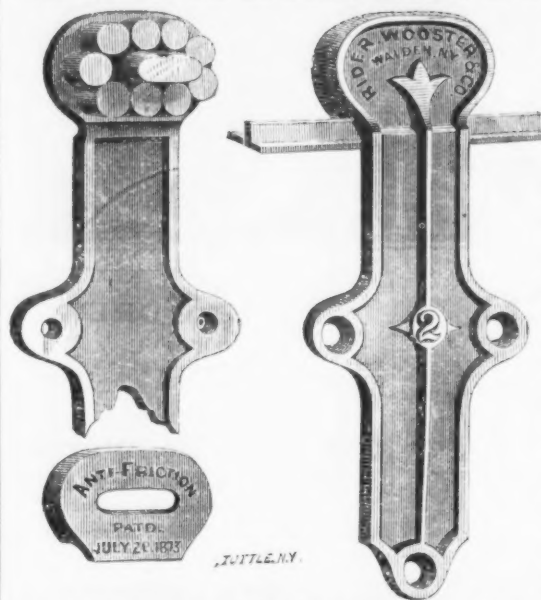
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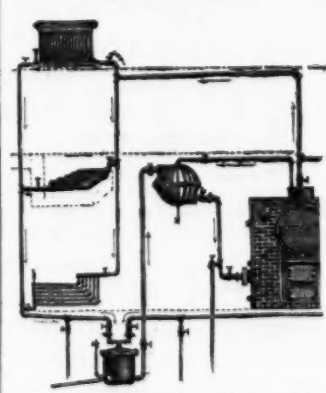
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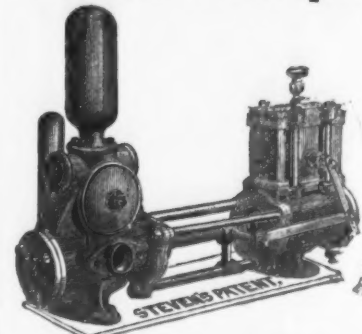
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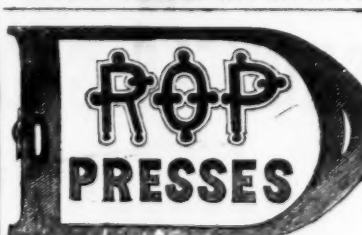
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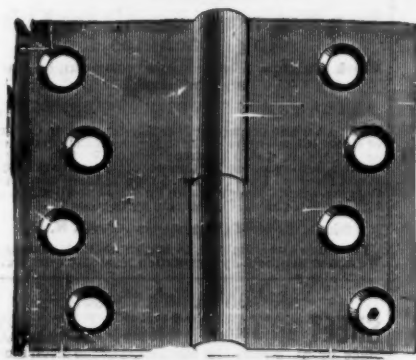
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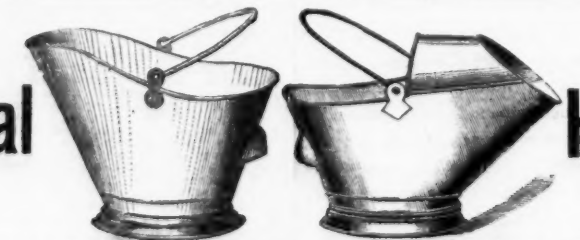
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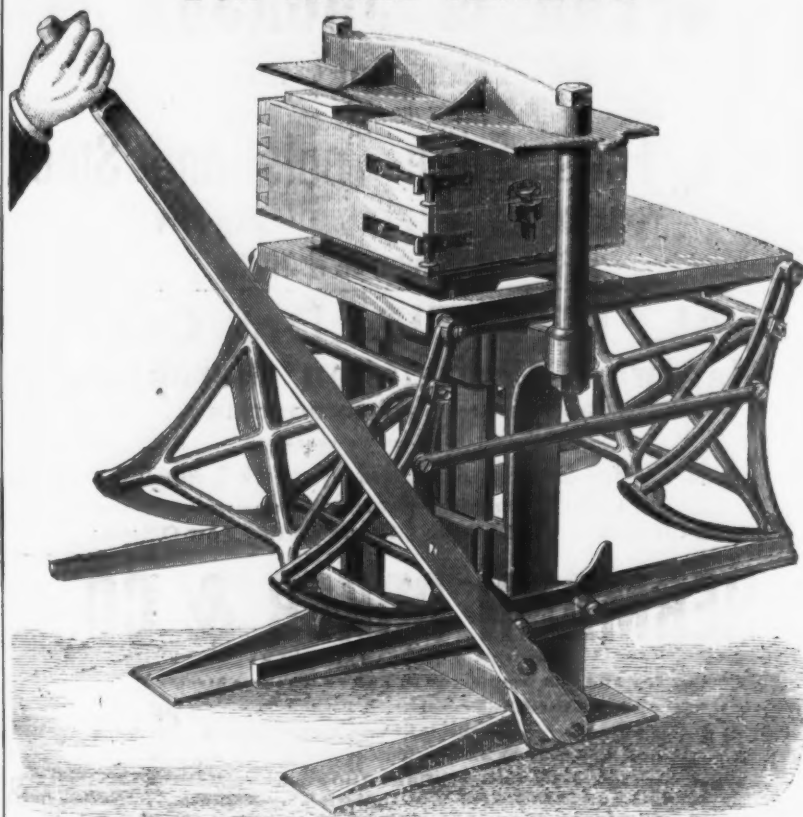
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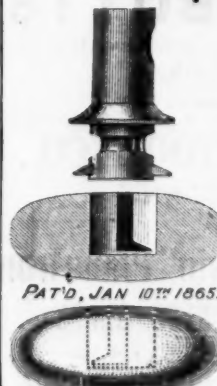


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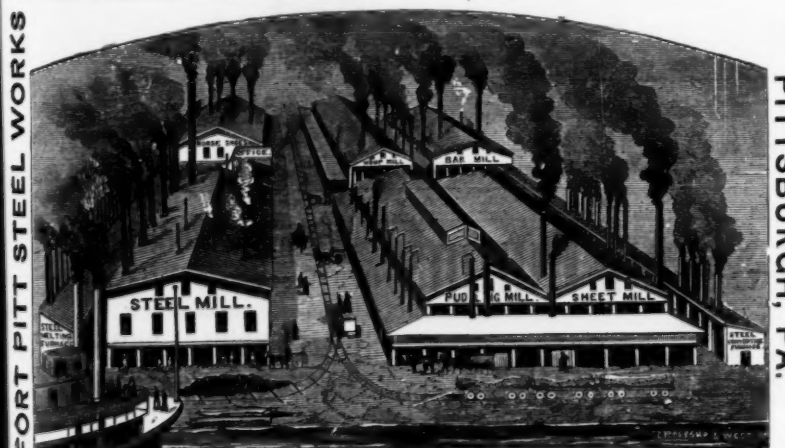
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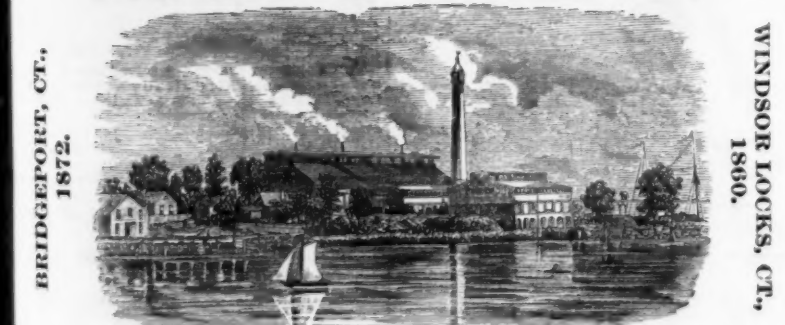
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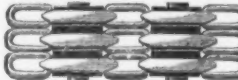
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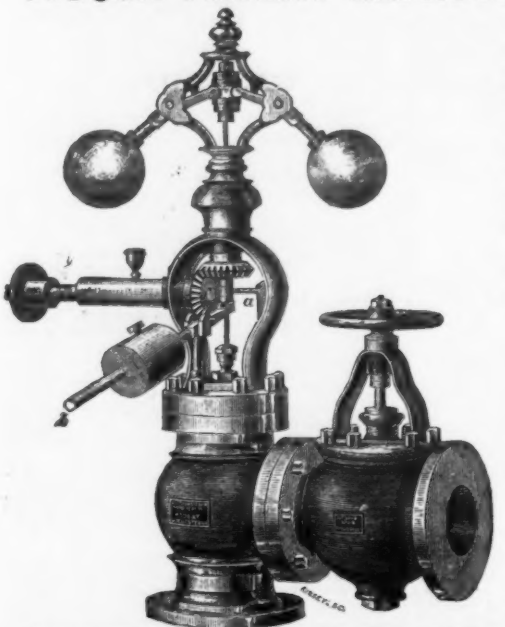
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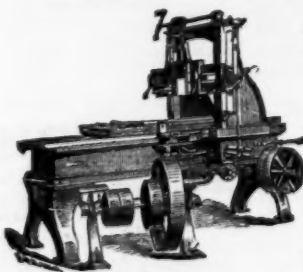
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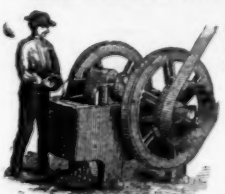
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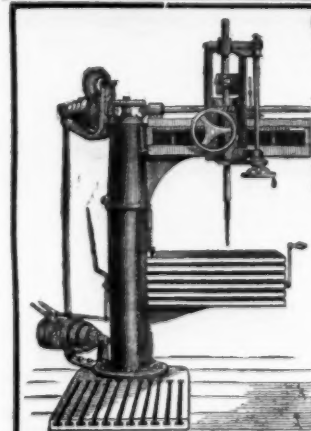
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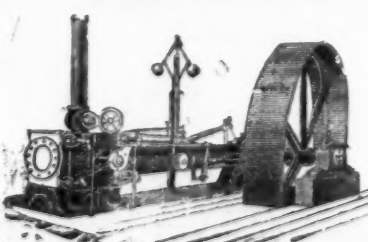


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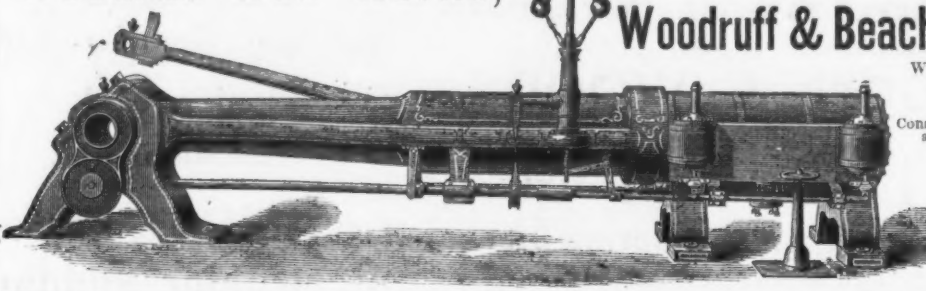
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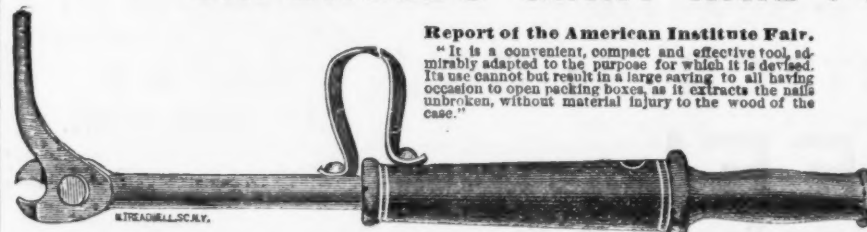
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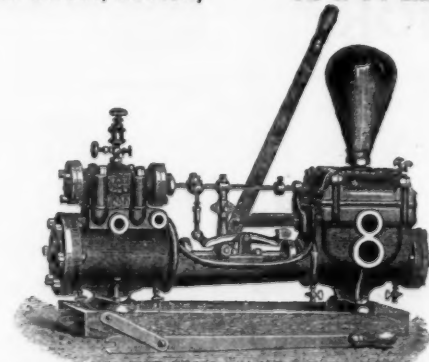
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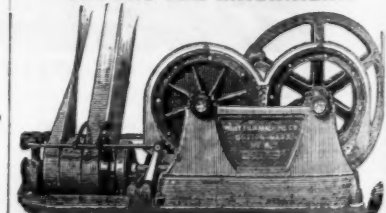
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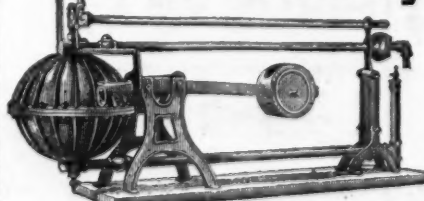
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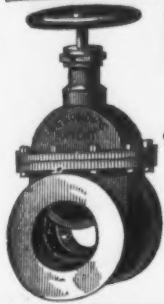
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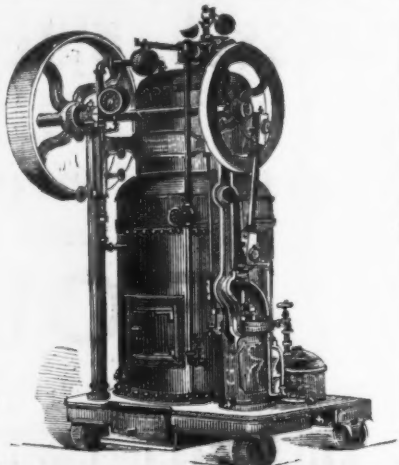
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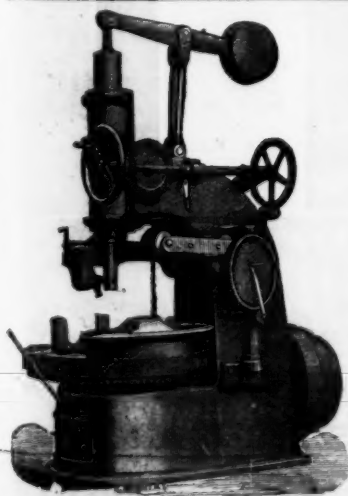
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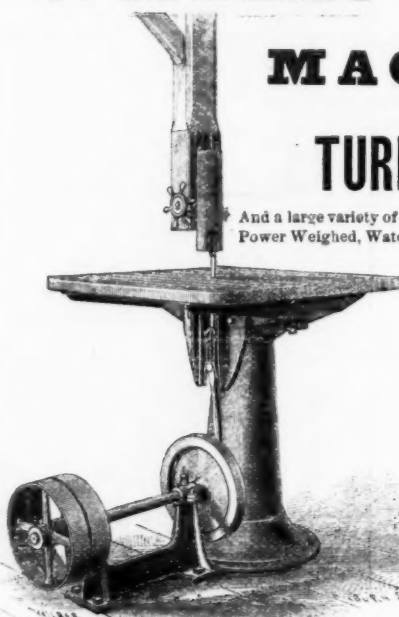
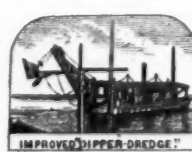
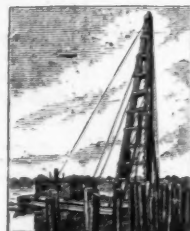
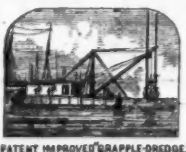
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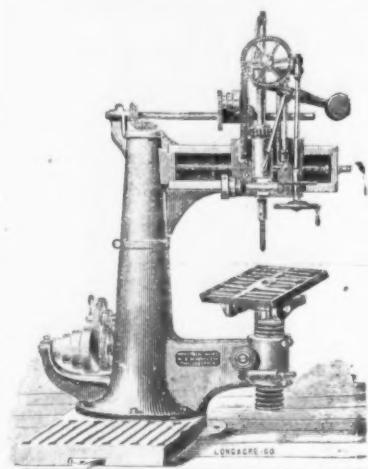
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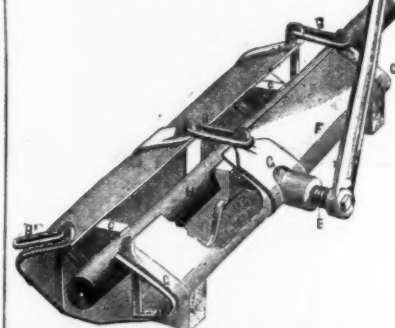
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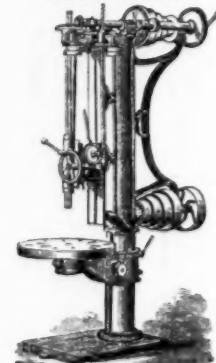
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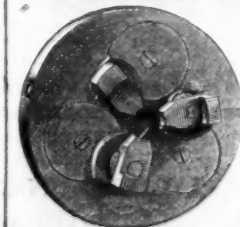
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